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### Australian show opened

## Technical pact signed

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 23 — Saudi Arabia and Australia Sunday signed a technical and economic agreement.

The agreement was signed by Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, minister of commerce and Australian deputy premier and minister of commerce and resources, Doug Anthony. It is aimed at strengthening technical and economic cooperation, particularly in establishing agricultural, animal, industrial and technical development projects.

Anthony described the renewable three-year agreement as a major step toward consolidating mutual relations in various fields. Solaim said Anthony's visit was a big step forward toward close cooperation between the countries.

A joint committee will be formed to meet in both countries for consultation on action to increase cooperation.

Later Anthony flew to Jeddah where he attended the opening of the Australian trade display at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The display, officially opened by acting Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, is the largest Australia has undertaken anywhere in the world.

The Prince praised the close relations between the Kingdom and Australia, and con-

firmed Saudi Arabia's desire to promote and develop this relationship.

He called on businessmen in both countries to take advantage of the opportunities available for promoting commercial and industrial cooperation.

Speaking at the opening, Anthony said members of his accompanying delegation had held positive discussions with senior officials and leading businessmen which opened a range of fields of cooperation.

He said the trade display of 62 Australian companies represented the importance of the Kingdom as a trading partner to Australia. "There are natural reasons why should this should be so," Anthony said. "Australia, like Saudi Arabia, has a vast arid interior with a population concentrated in major cities.

Australian industrial agricultural technology has developed over 150 years to suit these conditions. Thus our expertise and products are complementary to the requirements of the Kingdom's development objectives."

He said King Khaled had asked Australia to look closely at the recent French call for Palestinian self-determination, which is being supported by other European countries.

Anthony said his government would consider the request.

## SABIC, Mobil conclude talks

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Mobil Oil Corporation have concluded negotiations for the establishment of a petrochemical project in Yanbu.

The SABIC Board of Directors approved the final joint agreement Saturday and authorized SABIC to proceed with the \$1.6 million project. The agreement will be signed here in the third week of April. The project will be owned equally by the partners.

The project is expected to be in operation by 1985. It includes an ethylene plant producing 450,000 tons per year, and down stream units for the production of methylene glycol with a capacity of 220,000 tons, a plant producing polyethylene of low density with a capacity of 200,000 tons and a plant for production of high density polyethylene with a capacity of 90,000 tons.

This is the fifth basic industry project implemented by SABIC. SABIC is a government-owned corporation, entrusted with the development of the petrochemical and basic metal industries in Saudi Arabia. In 1979 SABIC concluded four joint venture agreements, two for the development of the steel industry, one with a Japanese consortium for a petrochemical project producing methanol and another with the Taiwan Fertilizer Company for establishment of a 500,000 tons per year urea fertilizer plant in Al Jubail.

## Oil field found in North Yemen

KUWAIT, March 23 (R) — A French company has discovered a huge oil field in North Yemen regarded as possibly the world's fifth largest, a Kuwaiti newspaper reported Sunday.

Initial estimates put the reserves at five billion barrels of medium quality crude oil, the newspaper *al-Siyasa* said in a despatch from Paris.

Quoting informed oil industry sources, the newspaper said Compagnie Francaise de Petrole made the find during a geological survey of desert Fahda region in Northern Yemen a year ago, but kept it secret.

## Jewish schools decided in Hebron

TEL AVIV, March 23 (AP) — The Israeli government, in a decision that split Prime Minister Menachem Begin's cabinet down the middle, decided Sunday to establish two live-in schools in Hebron, approving Jewish settlement in the heart of a Palestinian town for the first time.

Opponents of the decision said they would appeal to parliament's foreign affairs and security committee to overturn the cabinet's ruling, and Begin agreed to delay action until the committee meets.

Cabinet Secretary Aryeh Naor said the cabinet vote was 8-6 with two abstentions, reflecting deep divisions within Israel over expanding Jewish settlement in the Occupied West Bank of Jordan when the United States and Egypt are pressing for an end to settlement altogether.

The settlement issue is a major stumbling block to an agreement in the Palestinian autonomy talks due to be completed by May 26.

The Hebron decision, delayed for a month partly because it is so controversial, is almost certain to be raised in the three meetings Begin is scheduled to hold with U.S. Special Ambassador Sol Linowitz, who arrived earlier Sunday to prepare for a new round of negotiations in Alexandria, Egypt, next week.

Israel has built more than 50 settlements in the West Bank since the area was occupied in 1967, but until now it has refrained from allowing Jews to live in Palestinian Arab cities. That policy changed Feb. 10 when the cabinet took a decision in principle to allow Jews to live in Hebron.

The cabinet proposed to build a yeshiva, or a religious school, housing 50 students in Hebron.

A second "field school" will be established in a building for 80 students.

Linowitz hinted in an arrival news conference that he had brought new suggestions from President Carter.

Carter, who has summoned Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Washington for separate meetings in mid-April, is looking for evidence of momentum as the talks approach their targeted completion date of May 26, Linowitz said.

Asked if he had any message of substance for Begin, Linowitz replied he had brought "something that will be discussed with the Israeli prime minister."

Linowitz said the past three weeks "have not been easy ones," a reference to Israel's sharp displeasure over the U.S. vote in the U.N. Security Council condemning Israel's plan to settle in Hebron.

Israeli news reports from Washington portray Carter as furious with Israel's earlier decision on Hebron.

"We have each been disappointed with the other," Linowitz said, reading a prepared statement, "but such differences and disagreements must not be permitted to deter us from our common purpose."

Linowitz implied that Washington was not as concerned as Cairo about the May 26 deadline. "We are determined ... that we must do everything we can to try to meet that date," he said. If the date passes without agreement, yet if there is evidence of momentum in the negotiations, "I don't think anybody will feel too badly," Linowitz said.

Asked if the talks were showing enough momentum now, Linowitz said, "no, I do think we need an accelerated momentum."

It was not clear when the parliamentary committee would hear the appeal. The Knesset (parliament) begins a one-month recess Thursday.



ARMS AGREEMENT: Defense Minister Prince Sultan exchanges gifts with his Austrian counterpart, Otto Roschel. The two defense ministers held talks regarding military cooperation between the two countries.

## Army to have Austrian arms

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has agreed to buy SR200 million worth of rifles and machine guns from Austria, it was announced Sunday.

The government will also receive Austrian-made tanks and anti-aircraft guns for testing in April in local conditions before deciding to make final purchases.

"If proved suitable, Saudi Arabia would discuss the purchase or joint production of such weapons," Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan said.

The prince made the announcement after talks with Austrian Defense Minister Otto Roschel, who is in the Kingdom at the invitation of Prince Sultan who visited Austria last year.

Talks between the two ministers were attended by experts from both countries including Sheikh Othman Al Fumaid, assistant to Prince Sultan and Gen. Muhammad Al Hammad, chief of staff of the Saudi Arabian armed forces.

Prince Sultan described the talks were "constructive and dealt with military cooperation between our two countries."

Meanwhile, Roschel was quoted as saying his current visit to Saudi Arabia was to "reaffirm Austria's position regarding the Middle East question."

He said he wanted to brief Saudi officials on a new Austrian plan in the Middle East based on the recognition of the right of the Palestinians in self-determination.

## Hassan makes sudden visit to French capital

PARIS, March 23 (Agencies) — King Hassan II of Morocco arrived in France Sunday for what was described as a private visit of several days.

The monarch was greeted at the airport by Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet. Hassan was expected to meet sometime during his stay with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

The King's sudden arrival in Paris came after the pro-government newspaper *Le Matin* in Rabat called Sunday morning for a summit meeting between the King and Algerian President Chadli Benjedid to settle the guerrilla war in the Western Sahara.

Algerian-backed guerrillas are fighting to wrest the province from Morocco, which took control of the area after Spain ceded control in 1975.

Official sources said King Hassan would meet President d'Estaing during his stay. Chadli is now on a two-day visit to Syria.

## Government panel starts deliberations

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, March 23 — The committee appointed by King Khaled to draw up plans for a new system of government, consultative council and a provincial system for the country met here Sunday chaired by Interior Minister Prince Naif.

The prince said the committee will meet at least once a week and try to complete its task as soon as possible. "We do not have a time limit," he said. "The duration of the committee will be decided by the work load."

The newly formulated plans will then be submitted to King Khaled for approval. He expressed his committee's gratitude to King Khaled and said it would do its best to live up to his confidence.

In interviews with newspapers and news agencies Crown Prince Fahd said the government was intent on drawing up plans for a system of government based on the Koran, Islam's holy book, and religious principles.

He said the matter had been debated for a long time. "We have completed most of its 200 articles, all of which are derived from Islamic legislation."

The consultative council, whose members will be appointed by the King, will be complementary to the Council of Ministers and changes will not only involve personalities, but government concepts, the prince said.

Islam, which gives the ruler wide powers provided he is above reproach, good and benevolent, allows him to undertake reforms deemed in the public interest after consultations with other national leaders.

The first basic system of government, within the teachings of Islam, was formulated by King Faisal in May 1958 while still prime minister under his brother King



CHAIRS MEETING: Interior Minister Prince Naif chairs a meeting Sunday of a committee set up by King Khaled to study new government system.

Saud who succeeded his father, the founder King Abdul Aziz. It introduced a modern system of government without lessening the prerogatives of the King. Portfolios were created, ministerial responsibility to the prime minister and the prime minister's accountability to the King were firmly established.

The committee organizing the new system is composed of Justice Minister Sheikh Ibrahim bin Muhammad Al Sheikh, Labor and Welfare Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al Anqari, Pilgrimage and Endowments Minister Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Waseel, Minister of State Sheikh Muhammad Ibrahim Masood, State Minister Dr. Muhammad Al Milhem, Chairman of the Board of grievances Sheikh Muhammad bin Jubair, Member of the Board of Ulama and Supreme Council of Judiciary Sheikh Saleh Al Lubaidan and Minister of State Sheikh Saleh Al Hussain.

## Chadli, Assad bolster hardline stand

DAMASCUS, March 23 (R) — Algerian leader Chadli Benjedid and Syrian President Hafez Assad discussed how to bolster hard-line Arab opposition to the Israeli-Egyptian peace accords at a late night meeting here.

The Algerian president arrived in Damascus Saturday on his first state visit to a foreign country since taking office in February last year, amid signs that a planned meeting of Arab hawks, due to take place here next week, would be postponed.

The meeting of the "Steadfastness and Confrontation Front" which groups Syria, Algeria, Libya, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization, would have preceded the visits of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin to the U.S. for new talks with President

Jimmy Carter.

The hard-line Arab leaders are totally opposed to the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace process because they regard provisions for Palestinian autonomy as failing to meet demands for Palestinian statehood.

There were clear signs Saturday night that the planned hard-line summit would be put off. Syrian officials said that contacts were still taking place to settle the date and place of the meeting, but there was no official statement on the reasons for the apparent difficulties.

Palestinian sources said PLO chief Yasser Arafat would start a trip to New Delhi on March 29, a day after the Arab talks were due to open. They said he would not have planned the visit if the meeting was taking place as scheduled.

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## Law based on firm grounds, official says

## Government to benefit from taxi rules

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers' decision to prohibit persons under 35 years old driving the cabs is based on firm grounds, the director of public security said Sunday.

Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh said the order will have a positive effect since it will attract young men toward joining the government service instead of driving taxis. Most young men begin driving taxis since it involves no heavy capital expenditures or conditions imposed on the business.

Gen. Al Sheikh said now those working in



Gen. Abdullah Al Sheikh

the military or civilian sector will have no opportunity to leave their job and join the taxi business.

The public security chief also said another positive effect is that at age 35 people will be more rational in behavior, understand the job's responsibility and will deal suitably with people of different levels.

The order will also help equate the supply and demand of taxis, and will be instrumental in the effective implementation of traffic officials' orders by specifying the quantity and quality of taxis and their drivers, he said.

## Seven-title series stresses education

## London company publishes Islamic books

JEDDAH, March 23 (LPS) — A London-based publishing company is producing a series of books dealing with Islamic education, a company spokesman said Sunday.

Hodder and Stoughton Educational, Kent, is launching the seven-book series with the publication of *Crisis in Muslim Education and Aims and Objectives of Islamic Education*. The books have already been distributed throughout the Middle East, and will be followed by a third book entitled *Curriculum*,

## Syllabi and Teacher Education.

The series is based on papers presented in April 1977, when more than 300 Muslim scholars assembled in Mecca at the invitation of King Abdul Aziz University for the first World Conference on Muslim Education. The series' general editor is Prof. Syed Ali Ashraf, former head of the English department of the university, Mecca and was the organizing secretary for the conference.

The publishers said the books "importance lies in the exposition of basic educa-

tional problems in the Muslim world, in the formulation of the methodology for the solution of these problems, and in making the readers of the East and West appreciate the modern Muslim mind, which is also devoutly religious."

The remaining titles to be published are *Education and Society in the Muslim World*; *Social and Natural Sciences: The Islamic Perspective*; *Philosophy, Literature and Fine Arts and Muslim Education in the Modern World: A Survey*.

## Arabian horses to vie for coveted racing cup

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — The Ferrosiyya Club is sponsoring Arabian thoroughbred horse races Monday for the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Cup under the auspices of King Khaled.

Prince Bandar bin Fahd bin Saad, deputy chairman of the race committee said Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar and Saudi Arabia will compete in the race. The ceremony will comprise four races with prizes totalling SR120,000.

The first race for beginning horses covers 1,000 meters for a SR24,000 prize. The second race for third-class horses covers 1,200 meters for a SR28,000 prize. The third race for second-class horses covers 1,600 meters for a SR32,000 prize. The last race for first-class horses covers 2,000 meters for a SR36,000 prize.



TRADE SHOW: Deputy Governor of Mecca Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen, and visiting Australian deputy premier and minister of commerce, G. T. Antony tour the Australian Trade Fair at the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce exhibition hall.

## Philanthropic society spends SR225m for poor and needy

DAMMAM, March 23 (SPA) — The Eastern Province's secretary general of the Philanthropic Society said his organization spent more than SR225 million on several religious, social, child welfare and health programs.

Mastour bin Ali said the Society paid the expenses of the expansion program of many mosques, to include furnishings. In addition, he said the Society will contribute to the construction costs of a new mosque to be built soon.

The Society offered SR3.3 million to the needy families, sick and infirmed of different towns and villages. This assistance will be both monthly and seasonal, he added.

Mastour also promised to contribute to the housing program meant to accommodate poor families in the Eastern Province.

## East coast sports wrap-up

By Geoff Gardner

Top-seeded Diane Jackson allowed her opponent only eight points in the first set enroute to a 6-0, 6-4 win Friday in the first flight ladies' singles finals of the Al-Khobar 1980 Tennis Tournament.

Georgia Halvatis, an upset winner over the second seed in the semifinals, changed her strategy after the disastrous first set from baseline to net play to make the second set closer. More than 100 spectators watched Halvatis pull even at three games, but the mare consistent Jackson broke service in the seventh and went on to win.

In the second flight finals top-seeded J. Loneran blew past unseeded M. Ward 6-1, 6-1. The best match of the day was Loneran's semifinals win over unseeded M. Barnes 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. The lengthy match was marked by steady baseline play and long rallies.

Top-seeded M. Bates recovered from a first set loss to win her third consecutive three set match and take the third flight finals 4-6, 6-0, 6-3 over second-seed D. Kilgore.

In the fourth flight Z. Sahadullah won her third trophy of the tournament by besting D. Prestwich 6-1, 0-6, 6-1.

Play continues this weekend at the Univer-

sity of Petroleum and Minerals courts with six flights of men's doubles. First flight finals are set for 2:45 March 28. The six week long Al-Khobar 1980 Tennis Tournament concludes April 11 at the UPM courts with 11 flights of men's singles in the tournament's largest event. Tickets for the tournament presentation dinner April 17 must be purchased beforehand. They will be on sale at the UPM courts during the matches.

Carlton Hotel bested Dhahran Aramco 15-4, 12-15, 15-4, 15-12 to win the Second Annual Consolidated Construction Company Volleyball Tournament in Al-Khobar Friday. To win the double elimination tournament, the Carlton team got by test in the semifinals. Aramco topped CCC White Camp in best of five contest.

Twelve teams competed in the tournament which began March 14. Over 250 spectators watched the Aramco team pull even at one game apiece in the finals, but the stronger Carlton group then won the net two. Trophies were awarded to the teams, and the players received medals.

From eight teams last year, the tournament grew to twelve this year, and organizers expect around 20 in the 1981 contest. Teams consisted of seven players and one substitute.



COMEBACK: Ibrahim appeared in a good form Sunday, after two consecutive defeats against Nasr and Nahda. The losses brought the team from the league lead to third place. Thomas Erick, a German, played well covering German teammate Theodore Buckner's retreating performance. Buckner lost a penalty that cost the team a defeat in front of Nasr, two weeks ago.

## Ittihad 3 - Hilal 3

## Soccer competition results in even draw

By Munir Muhammad

RIYADH, March 23 — Ittihad drew against Hilal 3-3 after a powerful match in which the team seemed heading for victory on Sunday.

Hilal scored first from a fault kicked by Revelino in the 34th minute of the first half. He drove in a powerful shot which was embraced by the net, while Alaa Al-Rawass raised his arm helplessly.

However, Ittihad pressed for the equalizer until they obtained a fault just outside the 18-meter line from the right side similar to Hilal's. Theodore Buckner, Ittihad's mid-field engine, raised the ball to Abdullah Ghurab, who headed it into the net only four minutes after the first goal.

Goal fever ignited the enthusiasm of the fans as well as the players and warmed up the

game.

Four minutes into the second half Issa Hamdan scored Ittihad's second goal. Hilal was trying to form an offside trap giving Hamdan a chance to display his running bit. That set the match afire.

As Hilal put all its pressure on Ittihad's goal, and reverse attacks gave the opponents the tip they needed, Hamid Subli, Ittihad's full back scored the third goal in the 7th minute from leftovers of a corner. Buckner raised a ball for him, which he shot at leisure to the left of Ibrahim Al-Yousef, Hilal's keeper.

The two teams exchanged attacks until the 19th minute when in the confusion around

Ittihad's goal resulted in a score favoring Hilal. Hilal kept up more pressure to achieve the equalizer, but lost many opportunities.

In the 28th minute, Revelino kicked a fault giving his team a third goal that saved them from a defeat. Ittihad replaced their goal-keeper, Al-Rawass with Ahmad Al-Shubri.

Najib Al-Imam, Hilal's right wing attacker, scored a couple of minutes before the end of the match. But Fallaj Ashinnan, the referee counted it a fault against Imam.

Hilal remains at the top of the league despite the draw. Nasr, which is in the second place, will play Sunday against Qadisiya in Dammam. Ahil was to play against Ittifaq Saturday night.

## 4,585 placed in 1979

## Saudia students sent abroad

JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — The national carrier Saudia sent 2,030 students abroad in 1980 for training courses, the director general of the airline's Department of Training and Development said Sunday.

Hassan Ahmed Tabib said the department also placed 4,585 students in 309 training courses in 1979. In addition, Saudia opened a training program for basic studies in Jeddah. The program includes marketing study, in

flight service training, management, financial training, computer training, aircraft maintenance, basic aviation programs and air engineering, Tabib said. The new program has 450 trainees.

Also, a preparatory course has been set for the benefit of students going abroad for training, with a view to giving them some idea of the country in which they would train, he added.

## BRIEFS

JEDDAH, March 23 (SPA) — Information Minister, Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, arrived in London Saturday evening and met Arab and foreign journalists. He will later talk to the press. He is accompanied by deputy minister of information for information affairs, Dr. Abdulaziz Khoja.

FAMAGUSTA, Cyprus, March 23 (SPA) — Muslim World League secretary general, Sheikh Ali Al-Harakan, arrived here Saturday night at the head of the league delegation for the second session of the Muslim World League meeting convening Sunday. The five-day conference will discuss problems facing the Islamic world. Chairman of the League, Dr. Ma'roof Al-Dawalby, and Indonesian prime minister, Muhammad Nasir, arrived for the same purpose.

RIYADH, March 23 (SPA) — Dr. Hashem Al-Dabbagh, director general of Preventive Medicine will leave for Muscat Thursday to lead Saudi Arabia's delegation to

the Standing Committee on Malaria. The committee from the Health Secretariat of Arab States will hold a five-day session in Muscat, March 29-April 2. High on its agenda are programs to combat malaria and studies on the effect of insecticides on the anopheles mosquito, which transports the disease. The committee will also consider submitting workers coming to the area from contaminated regions to health checks. Meanwhile, the seminar on Lymphomania organized by the Ministry of Health in cooperation with King Faisal University in the Eastern Province resumed meetings in Dammam Sunday and will be addressed by Dr. Yusuf Al-Jordan regarding his study on the disease in Al-Hasa area.

JEDDAH, March 23 — Arthur Reed, the Times aviation correspondent arrived here Sunday on a five day visit at the invitation of Saudia. Reed, who is also Europe's correspondent for the *American Air Transport World*, will pay visits to Saudia's installations in Jeddah.

## WEATHER

Conditions will be warm in most areas. Winds will be south-westerly to south-easterly, and moderate to active. They may cause sand haze in the western region and inland areas.

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Jeddah	34	23
Riyadh	32	20
Dhahran	32	17
Medina	35	18
Taif	24	16
Jizan	36	27
Hail	29	13
Turaif	27	11
Qaisumah	33	15
Sulayyil	31	17
Abha	22	11

## Saudi Comment

By Fawaz Al-Ajami  
Al Riyadh

Industrial development is the modern yardstick in the advancement and progress of nations. And since industrial development is considered an outcome of social progress, universities bear the main responsibility for producing cadre who will contribute to the Kingdom's industrialization process.

Today, high school graduates immediately are attracted to the universities, and the institutions are filled with those cadre with the potentials needed for boosting the country's industrial development. The Kingdom is marching ahead on the course of industrialization set by the government. The country adopted a trend for setting up modern industrial installations with sophisticated technology, advanced studies and trained minds with the view of transforming theoretical data into tangible reality.

Our universities must support this trend and implement specialized institutes for industrial and technical professions. This should be done in accordance with the special requirements of Saudi Arabia's fast development. Riyadh University's Vice Chancellor Dr. Mansour Al-Turki's recent remarks spell out hope and optimism for a revision of the university syllabus, in order to bring them in harmony with the requirements of society and present-day challenges.

The university transmits its message by its interaction with society and filling individual needs. Any detachment makes the university an ambiguous entity and an unpleasant burden to the society. Educational methods, therefore, should be reoriented at all levels to give an effective spur to the country's economic and social development.

Such thinking will demonstrate a patriotic feeling and awareness by the official and the student of the different aspects of education. These lines of thought will culminate in the production of people capable of boosting industrial development of the country.

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## Hundreds killed in Chad fighting

PARIS, March 23 (Agencies) — Fighting between rival factions in Chad flared again Sunday after a relatively quiet night sending residents fleeing to their homes and bringing traffic to a standstill, according to information reaching Paris.

As cannon, mortar and machine gun fire erupted again in the capital of N'Djamena between forces loyal to President Goukouni Oueddei and Prime Minister Hissene Habre, the French news agency Agence France Presse reported Habre's troops had seized the town of Mongo, about 400 kilometers to the east.

In N'Djamena, Chad's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Ayi Ahmad, said Sunday that hundreds of people may have been killed in the fighting around N'Djamena.

## Hassan-Chadli meeting urged by Rabat paper

RABAT, March 23 (R) — The pro-government daily newspaper *Le Matin* appealed Sunday for a meeting between Algerian President Benjedid Chadli and King Hassan of Morocco to hammer out a peaceful settlement of their four-year-old conflict over the Western Sahara.

In an editorial, Moulam Ahmad Alaoui, the paper's director and recently appointed Moroccan minister of state for tourism, proposed that the treaty of friendship signed by the two countries in January 1969 could serve as a basis for a settlement.

The treaty stipulated that in the event of a conflict both sides would settle their differences peacefully.

The paper said King Hassan was still prepared to negotiate and that he had a solution which for the moment he was keeping to himself.

"Today more than ever Morocco is ready to agree to a meeting between the two heads of state in order to re-establish peace."

Algeria backs the Polisario Front guerrillas who are fighting for the independence of the Western Sahara, administered by Morocco.

Ahmad told Reuters that sources in Paris had told him that the death toll in the past week of fighting "could not be less than 700."

The foreign minister, who has been in West Germany for more than two months for medical treatment, blamed Hissene Habre for the bloodshed.

"As long as Hissene Habre is alive there will never be peace in Chad," he said.

Ahmad said that two major battles had taken place last weekend, one at Bodoro, 200 kilometers from N'Djamena, and one at Bokoro, 150 kilometers from the capital.

"It is a very grave situation in Chad," Ahmad said.

But Ahmad stressed that details of the fighting were not yet available and reports were still vague.

"All I know for sure is that there have been many deaths," he said.

Ahmad criticized what he called Habre's role in the latest disturbances in the country, which broke out about a week ago. He appealed to the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to stop the bloodshed.

Ahmad, who is to fly to Lagos Monday said that he intended returning to Chad shortly.

In Washington, meanwhile, the U.S. government ordered the evacuation of all official personnel in Chad because of the fighting. The State Department said the order affected 20 American officials, including Ambassador Donald Morland.

The European community of 700-800, most of them French, remained in their houses Sunday waiting for evacuation to the French military base near the airport, AFP said. The airport itself has been closed.

A spokesman for the presidential office in Paris said the commander of the 1,200-man French expeditionary force in Chad, Col. Paul Lardry, had been given strict orders not to get involved in the factional conflict and to attempt to help in re-establishing order only when a ceasefire had gone into effect.

Goukouni and Habre met Saturday in the presence of Lardry and French Ambassador Marcel Beaux at the French military base and the news conference said the two Chadian leaders apparently were in agreement to call a ceasefire.

## Zia appeals for unity to face threat

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, March 23 (R) — Pakistan's military ruler, Gen. Zia ul-Haq marked the country's national day Sunday by appealing for unity against a possible foreign threat.

He made no mention of his political plans or his efforts to create a civilian government.

A year ago, from the same pavilion at Rawalpindi's race course, Zia announced that there would be a general election on Nov. 17 and that his mission in taking over power in a bloodless coup against Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in July 1977 was coming to an end.

Seven months later he canceled the election and imposed a more stringent martial law, banning all political activity and detaining potentially quarrelsome politicians.

This year Zia limited his speech to an appeal for national unity.

Approaches he has made to the political leaders to join his government have been rejected. Alternative proposals, such as reviving the country's senate, have so far failed to win approval.

The military parade which he reviewed Sunday did not include tanks, armored vehicles or aircraft, an omission the government said was to conserve fuels.

Officers in the armored division based near Rawalpindi were said to have been involved in a coup plot uncovered on March 5.

Zia said Sunday that the armed forces must guard against any intervention by an expansionist power.

He did not mention the Soviet Union by name but referred to what he described as the changes on Pakistan's western borders with Afghanistan.

The Soviet Union's military intervention in Afghanistan at the end of the last year has put Soviet troops within a few kilometers of the ill-defined mountainous border between the two countries.

Zia said that as a result of the changes in Afghanistan the responsibilities of the armed forces had increased.

"Our frontiers are in the hands of reliable defenders who will not be oblivious of their duties. We must maintain internal unity to guard against any intervention by an expansionist power. If the nation is united, even the greatest enemy could not harm us," Zia declared.

## Numeiri will send note to Iraqi leader

KHARTOUM, March 23 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri will send an envoy with an important message for Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in the next few days, the *Al Sahafa* newspaper said Sunday.

The message would deal with bilateral relations between Sudan and Iraq and the Iraqi president's proposed "national charter" governing inter-Arab relations, the paper said.

The move is considered to be further evidence of an improvement in relations between Sudan and Iraq which broke off diplomatic ties a year ago after the Iraqi press criticized what it said was Sudan's support for the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Numeiri announced during his recent trip to Qatar that he supported the "national charter" proposed by Iraq. He agreed the charter should be studied at a summit of Arab leaders.

The proposed charter rejects foreign military bases on Arab soil and renounces violence in resolving inter-Arab disputes.

## Saddam Hussein gets letter from Giscard

BAGHDAD, March 23 (R) — A personal envoy of French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing arrived here Saturday night with a message for President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

It quoted the emissary as saying that the message dealt with bilateral relations and questions of mutual interest.



FIREARMS: Picture shows firearms of American and Chinese make, captured recently in Kabul and Kandagar.

## Palestine solution will boost Egypt-Israel ties, Khalil says

TEL AVIV, March 23 (R) — Egyptian Prime Minister Mustafa Khalil said in an interview published Sunday a reasonable solution of the Palestinian problem would open up a wide field of Egyptian-Israeli cooperation in economic, cultural and strategic fields.

Khalil told the Cairo correspondent of the *Haaretz* newspaper that the Palestinians must decide their own future.

"But any solution must be in the framework of a federation or co-federation between the Palestinians and the Kingdom of Jordan and the continued linkage between the Israeli economy and that of the (occupied) territories," he said.

"A reasonable solution of the Palestinian problem will open up a wide field for Israeli-Egyptian cooperation in economic, cultural, political and strategic fields," Khalil said.

The Egyptian prime minister called for complete demilitarization of the West Bank

and the Gaza Strip even after a five year interim period of autonomy in the two territories.

"The Palestinians must be banned from setting up an army or from forming any military pacts and this ban must be incorporated in the law of the Palestinian entity which will be established after the interim period," he told *Haaretz*.

The Israeli cabinet Sunday discussed a letter from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on the deadlocked West Bank and Gaza autonomy talks, received by Prime Minister Menachem Begin two days ago.

Israeli officials described the tone of the note, holding Israel responsible for any failure to complete the talks by May 26, as unfriendly and harsh. They said it was part of a war of nerves intended to create a crisis atmosphere and extract concessions from Israel before President Carter's separate meetings with the two leaders next month.

## Israel bans W. Bank political parley

TEL AVIV, March 23 (R) — Three mayors of towns in the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Jordan complained Sunday that the Israeli military government banned a political assembly Saturday night in the Palestinian refugee camp of Jazaloun.

The Jazaloun camp is on the main road from Ramallah to Nablus. The assembly was called by the Palestinian National Guidance Committee, which supports the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), to protest against harassment of camp residents by Israeli security forces and settlers living nearby.

Saturday night, the military authorities cal-

led off the assembly and prevented the mayors of Nablus, Ramallah and Halhoul from reaching the camp.

Military sources claimed that camp residents have been throwing stones at Israeli buses and cars nearly every day for the past week.

The residents have complained that they have been subject to a dusk to dawn curfew for the past three weeks, that people have been ordered out of their homes at night and made to wait in the cold and rain and that Jewish civilians from nearby settlements have smashed up their cars.

## Kuwait questions Iran over Gulf remarks

KUWAIT, March 23 (R) — Kuwait Sunday questioned Iran on press statements by the Iranian president on the Gulf and relations with the Arabs, Kuwait's chief government spokesman said.

The Iranian Ambassador Alishams Ardakani was summoned to the foreign ministry Sunday to verify statements attributed to President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, the spokesman, Abdul-Aziz Hussein, told reporters.

A Paris-based Arabic-language weekly, *Al-Nahar Arab and International*, Saturday quoted President Bani-Sadr as saying that Iran did not intend giving up three Gulf islands occupied by the deposed Shah's forces nine years ago.

"On the contrary, I intend to clean the Gulf of its American presence and all that is linked to the United States," he added.

Bani-Sadr also said that Iran's relations with Arab governments were not good because "the Arabs imagine we are a dangerous disease and if they leave the door open to us the infection will spread to all."

The Kuwaiti spokesman said "We don't think the president made such statements because they conflicted with the present state of Iran-Kuwait relations."

The islands of Abu Musa and the Lesser and Greater Tumbs lie near the Straits of Hormuz, an international trade and oil route.

Two Kuwaiti newspapers Sunday criticized Bani-Sadr's remarks.

"We always advocate brotherly and good neighborly relations between Iran and the Arabs in the Gulf, but Tehran does not appear to want this," *Al Rai Al Aam* said.

"... It wishes to destroy the region and bring it down to its own evil ... what better way of serving American interests in the area," the newspaper said.

*Al Qabas* newspaper said the Iranian president did not want the people in the Gulf to enjoy their dream of having the best of relations with Muslim Iran.

In the interview, Bani-Sadr said that, although the United States' threat to Iran was more tangible than the Soviet danger, "we cannot say that the Soviet Union does not constitute a threat to us. It is on our border."

"If the Russians try to create internal troubles for us with the aim of restricting our movement and preventing us from adopting an active policy with regard to Afghanistan, it will be no surprise," he said.

And he continued: "But the Russians must realize that our effectiveness is not in the arms that we have but in the power which brought an end to the Shah's regime."

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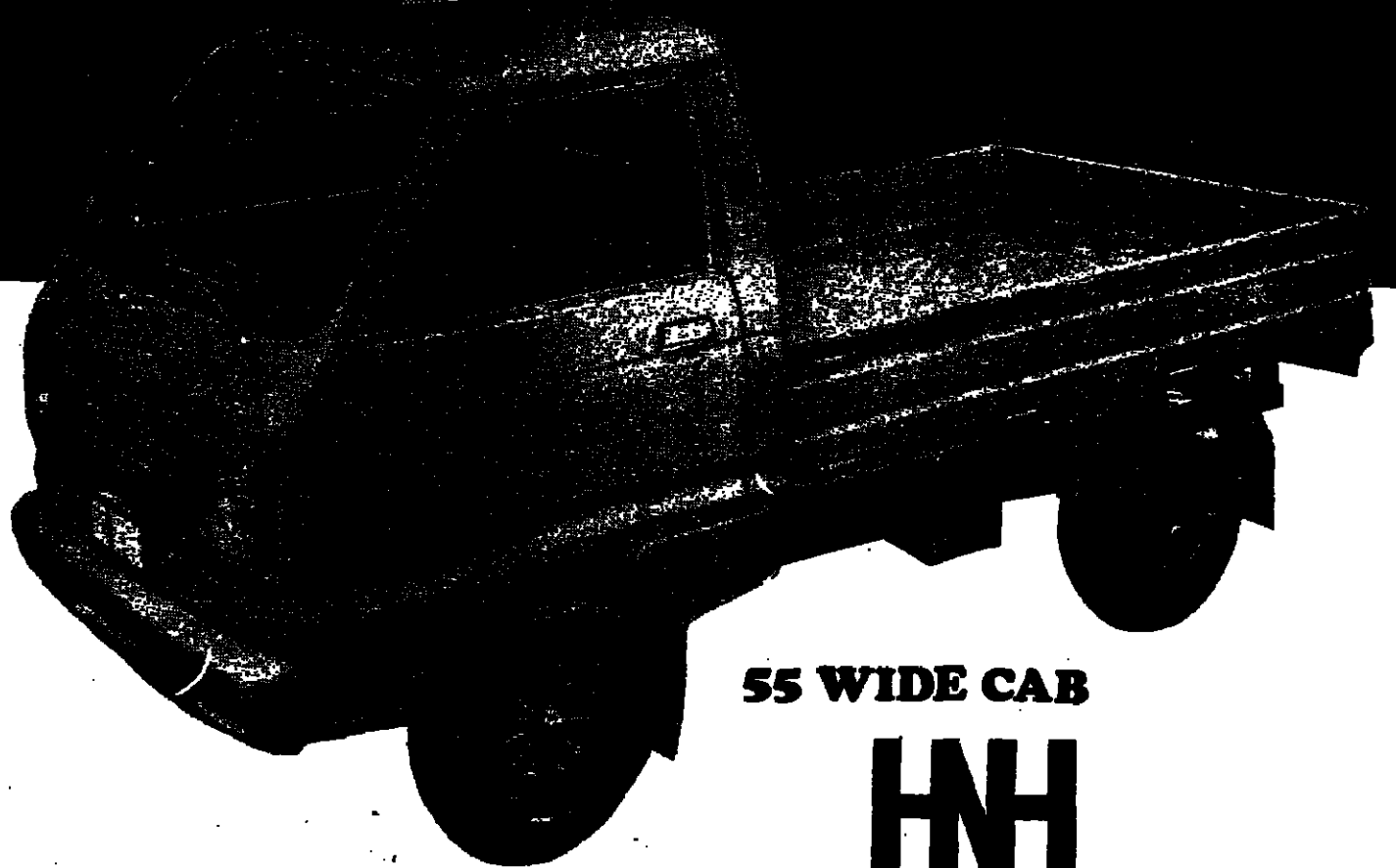
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## Risks losing next election

## Thatcher vows more spending cuts

BOURNEMOUTH, England, March 23 (AP) — Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said that her Conservative administration will pursue its policy of slashing state spending, curbing trade unions and cutting social welfare programs even if it means losing the next election.

Mrs. Thatcher drew cheers from her Tory audience Saturday at the annual conference of the Conservative Central Council, the party's directing body, in this south England coastal resort.

The prime minister also told the 110,000 workers in Britain's state-owned steel industry, who are on strike since Jan. 2, that there was no chance of the government considering their wage claims. The strikers are demanding 20 per cent across the board. British Steel Corp. has offered 14.4 with strings attached.

The corporation was losing \$ 2 million a week prior to the strike. Now it is losing the same amount each day in lost production.

Mrs. Thatcher spoke only four days before the chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, is to unveil in Parliament his tax budget for the coming fiscal year. It will be his second. In the first last June, he slashed \$ 7.7 billion from state spending, jumped sales tax from eight to 15 per cent but cut income taxes, mainly at the upper end of the scale.

Government informants says Howe will order further cuts in state spending, mainly on education and social welfare which bore the brunt of the first cuts, by another \$ 3.3 billion in order to bring the budget deficit down to around \$ 17.6 billion.

Local governments have been forced to raise property taxes in some cases by up to 40 per cent because the central government has

slashed treasury aid. Prior to last June, the government paid 80 per cent of local government spending. The new administration cut that back to 50 per cent.

The government, the prime minister said, will not be driven off its chosen course. "If I am told that this would endanger the chances of a second term of office, then I tell you here and now that I will take that risk."

Since World War II, she said, "over and over again, governments have been forced to act by impending economic crisis. Too often when the immediate danger was over, they have lacked the resolve to stick to the task until the job (of righting Britain's economy) was done."

"I am determined that this Conservative government is not going to make that mistake," she said.

## Pinochet cancels much-protested Asia trip



General Pinochet

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 23 (AP) — Chilean President Augusto Pinochet canceled his just begun 11-day Asian tour and flew home Sunday after the Philippine government made a last-minute decision not to receive him.

Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos canceled the visit Saturday following widespread protest over Pinochet's human rights record.

Hundreds of circulars were distributed in Manila labeling Pinochet "a bloody assassin" and calling for the government to cancel the visit.

Pinochet left Suva, Fiji, for home on his special LAN Chile flight Sunday.

He left Suva at 10:30 a.m. local time.

Thousands of demonstrators had jeered Pinochet when he arrived in Nadi, Fiji, Saturday night.

About 4,000 demonstrators shouting anti-Pinochet slogans greeted the general's arrival in Nadi.

Catholic church groups and civic organizations also had protested the visit in Fiji.

Ministry official Jorge Fernandez said Pinochet spent Saturday night in the Regent Hotel in Nadi.

"According to the official communique

sent by the Philippine government, the state visit had to be canceled because President Marcos had to travel urgently to Mindanao..." Fernandez said.

He added Marcos' presence was required in Mindanao "due to a resurgence in subversive activity by the Moro National Liberation Front."

Pinochet's trip had been billed as an effort to "reaffirm Chile's presence in the Pacific" and included a private visit to Hong Kong and a stop in Papeete.

But the planned five-day visit to Manila was the highlight of the tour and the rebuff was a stinging blow to Pinochet's efforts to polish Chile's international image, tarnished by alleged human rights violations.

The Roman Catholic church says hundreds of leftists disappeared after the 1973 coup in which Pinochet toppled Marxist constitutional President Salvador Allende. They also say thousands more were sent into exile.

Foreign ministry officials, who asked not to be identified, said they considered the last minute decision by Marcos to be "very unusual."

They said the Chilean ambassador to the Philippines, Carlos Le May, was being recalled for consultations.

most likely outcome of the talks.

The former coalition, which grouped the Social Democrats and the Liberals as junior partners with the Christian Democrats, lasted seven months.

But left-wing Socialists applied growing pressure to end their party's policy of abstention in key votes, and called for the second placed Communists to be brought into the cabinet.

## Cossiga agrees to form coalition government in Italy

ROME, March 23 (R) — Outgoing Italian Premier Francesco Cossiga Sunday agreed to try to form a government, which political observers believe will be a Christian Democratic-Socialist coalition.

Cossiga, caretaker premier since Wednesday, was called as expected to the Quirinale palace Sunday morning by President Sandro Pertini.

"I felt it my duty to accept in principle, grateful for the trust and esteem conferred on

me by the president," Cossiga told reporters.

Cossiga said he hoped to start talks next week with other parties about Italy's 39th government crisis since 1945.

He headed the 38th administration which collapsed last Wednesday after the pivotal Socialist party withdrew their indirect parliamentary support.

Political sources believe that a coalition between the Socialists and Cossiga's Christian Democrats, Italy's largest party, is the

## Leftists hold cathedral in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, March 23 (AP) — Leftists who buried eight of the slain brethren in the Metropolitan Cathedral continue to occupy the church while police maintain surveillance.

Around the nation, authorities gave unspecific reports of several confrontations between leftist guerrillas and security forces.

Leftists buried the eight comrades in a downtown cathedral while eight others were interred in various cemeteries in the capital.

A spokesman for the revolutionary coordinating committee, a gathering of left groups, said volunteers dug up the floor in a bullet-riddled church, still under construction, Friday afternoon and interred the coffins. It was not known if the church administration approved of the burials.

The victims were among the 30 persons killed in political violence here last week. Several of them were killed Monday in a bloody shootout with national guards who surrounded the University of El Salvador campus to root out armed guerrillas.

The government has been unable to curb the violence or appease the left demand for nationalization of banks and expropriation of farms.

The 16 coffins had been inside the cathedral earlier Friday. Leftists attempted to transport eight coffins Friday afternoon from the church to a local cemetery, but an opened fire and the leftists scurried back to the church and decided to inter the bodies there, a spokesman said.

"Snipers are not permitting the mass burial of our comrades," said one leftist spokesman. "The government is responsible for what might happen." He did not explain.

The capital is under a state of siege, which prohibits unauthorized gatherings, grants police liberal arrest rights and imposes censorship.

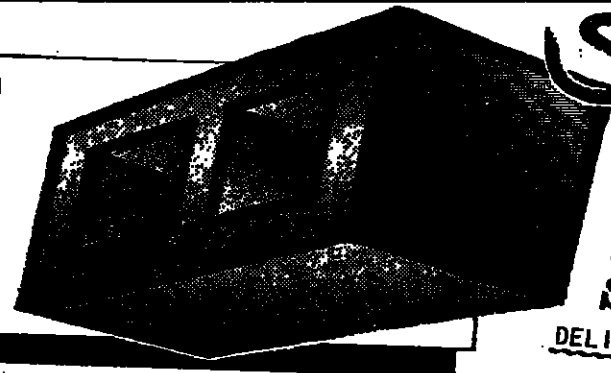
The slain leftists in the church were members of the Feb. 28 Popular League, United Popular Action Front, the Popular Revolutionary Bloc and the Popular Liberation Forces.



CHAINED: Richard Corey, 30, an artist, is arrested after chaining himself to the door of the French Consulate in New York to protest the outcome of an exhibit of American painters in Paris four years ago. He was issued a summons for disorderly conduct.

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# IOC will 'add to the difficulties' faced by alternate summer games organizers

MOSCOW, March 23 (AP) — The director of the International Olympic Committee said in an interview published Sunday that the IOC will try to "add to the difficulties" faced by organizers of an alternative summer Olympics this year.

Expressing strong support for the IOC-sanctioned Moscow Olympics, director Monique Berlioux raised the prospect of material aid by the IOC to some national Olympic federations to permit their participation in the Moscow games.

"The Olympic games will take place in Moscow," Miss Berlioux declared in a L'Espresso interview for Soviet national newspaper *Sovetsky Sport*. "We will not give in to any pressure."

Miss Berlioux, the salaried executive who heads the IOC's administrative machinery, claimed international sports federations were united in their opposition to sending teams to alternative games. The United States, Britain and Australia hosted a conference attended by various governments this month to discuss such a plan.

"From a practical standpoint, it isn't realistic to carry out (such games). The organizers would face great difficulties," she said. "From our side, we will try to add to their difficulties," Soviet Sport quoted her as adding "with a smile."

She did not say what steps the IOC might take to add to organizers' problems.

Miss Berlioux said the IOC was in close contact with international sports federations and national Olympic committees and was convinced that sports must be separated from politics.

"I would like to stress that the national Olympic committees of the United States and

Great Britain are in favor of their athletes' going to Moscow, despite the anti-Olympic actions of the governments of these countries," she said.

"That means we need to help them. Possibly, by material means as well," she said, without elaborating.

U.S. Olympic Committee officials have expressed disappointment with a possible boycott of the games, but the committee has said it won't sponsor an American team if the Carter administration continues to oppose the games.

In Britain and some other countries, officials have hinted that state subsidies to Olympic committees could be cut off if athletes go to Moscow in defiance of government bans.

In Brussels, the national Olympic committees of 16 European countries rejected the proposed Olympic boycott Saturday and said they would never accept an alternative site to the Moscow games.

And delegates from eight of the countries at a meeting here said they would send teams to Moscow even if their governments join U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call for a boycott of the games if the Soviet Union doesn't end its intervention in Afghanistan.

"Not one person from Britain who wants to go to the games will fail to go to Moscow," declared Robert Watson of the British Olympic Committee. "We will find a way."

Other delegates who said they would send teams to the games even if their governments approve the boycott were from Sweden, Finland, France, Italy, Ireland, Belgium and Spain.

Delegates from Turkey, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, San Marino, Switzerland,

Germany and the Netherlands said they were waiting for their national sports authorities to make a ruling.

Norway, whose delegate was delayed by transportation difficulties, is the only European country whose Olympic committee has accepted the boycott proposal.

The views of the delegates were announced after a five hour meeting, at which a position against the boycott was reached unanimously, said Raoul Mollet, president of the Belgian Olympic Committee.

Members of the Athletes Advisory Council to the U.S. Olympic Committee mulled over a plan Saturday which would permit them to participate in the summer games in Moscow but also protest the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

The 47-member council continued its regular weekend meeting after spending Friday afternoon at the White House where President Carter told them and other athletes and coaches that the United States would not participate in the summer games.

"I can't say at this moment what other nations will not go to the summer Olympics in Moscow," Carter said somberly but emphatically. "Ours will not go. I say that not with any equivocation. The decision has been made."

Some athletes believe, however, that perhaps a plan can be devised to allow them to compete but still protest the Soviets' military presence in Afghanistan.

Andy I. Toro, a canoeing coach who participated in two Olympics for Hungary and two for the United States, made the proposal to the council but declined to give details until the panel took some action on it.

## Forest avoids Madrid match

ZURICH, March 23 (R) — England's Nottingham Forest, the holders will be relieved to be paired with Dutch champions Ajax Amsterdam in the semifinals of the European Soccer Cup drawn here.

It means they avoid Spain's Real Madrid, on course to revive their cup winning exploits of the late '50s, and Hamburg, whose West German stars are reinforced by their English import, European footballer-of-the-year Kevin Keegan.

Ajax have three European Cup victories under their belt — and more recently — but after their spectacular quarter-final revival in East Berlin on Wednesday Forest will not be overawed.

Ajax moved more smoothly into the last four, first playing a goalless draw in France with Strasbourg, then coasting through the home leg with two goals in each half, spread over four different players.

Forest, again play the first leg at home and will be anxious not to leave themselves as open as against Dynamo Berlin, who took a 1-0 lead back to East Germany.

Hamburg, having scrapped through against the Yugoslavs Hajduk split on the away-goals rule, face a tough first leg in Spain.

Hamburg are breathing down the necks of Bayern Munich pacemakers in the Bundesliga, and after a 5-0 win remain only two points in arrears with a match in hand they hope to retain the West German title before losing Keegan to England when his contract expires.

Real, who methodically wiped out a 2-0 deficit against their Scottish quarter-final opponents, Celtic, scoring the third and winning home leg goal with only five minutes to go, are also on form in their domestic league.

If Spain used goal-difference to place teams equal on points Real would head the Spanish league. As it is, goal average keeps them below Real Sociedad.

## In championship rerun Navratilova meets Austin

NEW YORK, March 23 (AP) — The plot is the same — and Martina Navratilova is hoping the outcome will be a rerun when she meets teen-age tennis threat Tracy Austin Sunday in their second championship match in the \$300,000 women's tennis championships.

Navratilova won 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 in last year's championship. Her serve-and-volley game will get a baseline challenge from Austin as they vie for the \$100,000 top prize.

"I know her game," Navratilova said of her 17-year-old opponent. "I jump on her serve a lot and I'll need good approach shots. I can't just hope she'll miss, because she won't."

"She's improved, but I have too. I have a greater variety of shots and I'm faster," said the 23-year old top seed.

Navratilova won two championship matches over Austin this year after losing to her in her last four meetings of 1979, including the semifinals of the U.S. Open.

Austin noted that Navratilova "has all the pressure because she's number one." But Navratilova says she thrives under such pressure.

"I'm used to pressure. It won't be the end of the world if I don't win," she said, adding that she thought she "could win."

Austin described Navratilova as "a lot more overpowering than Billie Jean King," who lost to Austin in Saturday's semifinals. "I'll have to play more consistent, but my confidence is improving."

Navratilova said she won't "panic if my first serve doesn't go although my serve is pretty much my game. If she breaks my

serve once or twice during the match, that won't be enough."

Evonne Goolagong, who lasted three sets with both Austin and Navratilova in the five-day, double-elimination tournament, said Navratilova needs to "play a little better, be more consistent."

"Tracy is hitting the ball well, but she'll have to serve better. She's growing up and getting more confident with her shots," said Goolagong. "But Martina usually hits her ground strokes hard enough and she should win." Top-seeded Martina Navratilova, confident and powerful, downed Goolagong 6-2, 3-6, 6-0 and second-seeded Austin was nearly perfect in her shotmaking to defeat a frustrated Billie Jean King 6-3, 6-1, in the semifinals.

Despite the vocal support of the Madison Square Garden crowd, the 36-year-old King could find no answer to Austin's precise strokes.

"The crowd's fantastic," said King. "But it disappoints me when I can't follow through."

Navratilova, winner of five of six tournaments she entered on this year's tour, rolled to her 37th victory in 38 matches. The aggressive left-hander was devastating at the net in the first set.

In Frankfurt, West Germany former Wimbledon champion Stan Smith coasted to an easy 6-0, 6-3 victory over fellow-American Tim Gullikson and South African Johan Kriek overcame Brian Gottfried of the United States 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 in the semifinals of the \$175,000 Frankfurt Men's World Championship tennis tournament Saturday.

## Trevino leads Florida tournament

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida March 23 (AP) — Lee Trevino birdied the last hole to complete a round of 4-under-par 68 Saturday and take the third-round lead over one of the greatest golf fields ever assembled in the prestigious Tournament Players Championship.

Trevino, now 40 but still the flamboyant, swaggering swashbuckler of his younger days, put together a 54-hole total of 203, eight shots under par on the difficult Sawgrass Golf Course.

But arrayed behind him, very much in title contention, was a spectacular line-up of world-wide golfing talent — Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Tom Watson, Hubert Green, Steve Ballesteros, Hale Irwin. That group, with Trevino, has won a combined total of 11 U.S. Opens, nine British Opens, nine Masters and eight PGA titles.

Green, the deeply talented man with the unorthodox swing, matched the course record with a 6-under-par 66 and held second alone at 209.

Next, at 210, were Player from South Africa, who came into this one with a

string of five wins in seven foreign events over the winter, and young Curtis Strange. Player shot a 69 and Strange, a 25-year-old who scored his long pro victory last fall in Pensacola, had a 71.

The group at 211 included Ballesteros, the British Open Champion from Spain, Don Pooley, Peter Jacobsen and Nicklaus, seeking to end a 20-month non-winning string. All shot 69s in the cool, sunny weather that featured winds lighter than those that traditionally ranke this links-type course.

Irwin, Watson, Brad Bryant and Jay Haas were at 212. Irwin, who led or shared the lead through the first two rounds, slipped to a 73. Watson matched par 72 despite a double bogey from the water on the 16th hole. Haas shot a 67 and Bryant had a 69.

The pairings for Sunday's final round will have Trevino, Player and Nicklaus in the last ground off the tee.

No one was able to pull away from the field. No more than two shots ever separated the leader from the pack.

## Nigeria wins Africa nations soccer cup

LAGOS, March 23 (R) — Amid scenes of frantic excitement Nigeria won the African Nations Soccer Cup here with a crashing 3-0 victory over Algeria in the final.

Over 80,000 fans packed the 65,000 capacity national stadium and their deafening support of their team was rewarded when the hosts shot into the lead with a goal by Segun Odegbani in only two minutes.

Any hopes Algeria entertained of a fight-back disappeared for good in the 42nd minute when Odegbani struck again to give Nigeria a 2-0 interval lead.

In previous games Nigeria have been guilty of slackening off in the second half but not this time.

They restarted in the same whirlwind fashion and it reaped evidences yet again when midfielder Muda Lawal scored a third in the 50th minute.

It was sweet revenge for Nigeria who lost 1-0 to Algeria the last time the nations met — in the final of the all-African games in 1978. Odegbani's two goals earned him a hero's ovation at the final whistle.

His first was opportunism at its best. A throw-in by Adokie Ameisimaka landed in the Algerian penalty area and as the defense stood and watched the Nigerian striker raced in to crash a shot high into the net.

His second was a controversial affair as he appeared to be in an offside position when he collected the ball. Odegbani did not stop to find out, however, and ran in on goal to slip the ball past goalkeeper Mehdi Cerbah.

Ethiopian referee Gebre Tesfaye immediately awarded the goal despite heated protests from the Algerian team.

That goal took all the fight out of Algeria and it was no surprise when Lawal added the third after Cerbah had failed to hold a long-range shot from Ameisimaka.

## Chess masters draw in seventh

VELDEN, Austria, March 23 (R) — Tigran Petrosian could manage only a draw in the seventh game of the world chess championship quarter finals after he had looked set for victory to put him level with Viktor Korchnoi.

Korchnoi, now leading 4-3 in the maximum 14-game match, began with an English opening but soon ran into trouble against the Soviet player.

Korchnoi, the Soviet exile, offered a draw after 20 moves by crossing his fingers — the two arch-rivals are not on speaking terms — but Petrosian declined and was soon in a strong position.

However he then ran into serious time problems and both players had only 10 minutes for the last 10 moves. For the last four they had only two minutes each.

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## How Afghanistan rebels wage their war

By Colin Smith

### PESHAWAR —

The rebels fighting the Soviet and government forces in Afghanistan have two main sources of arms, the first being the Afghan army itself from which hundreds of soldiers have deserted.

The second source is the tribal "Krupps" at Darra, a township in the Frontier Province near the Pakistani border, whose gunsmiths have for years beaten out by hand exact, and sometimes reliable, facsimiles of mass-produced European and American small arms.

The colonial legacy has made their favorite copy the old British 303 Lee-Enfield bolt-action rifle, usually with a preference for the slightly sturdier World War I model as carried by the stone sentries on British war memorials. They sell for about \$60 a piece and are not as despised as a sniper's weapon, since a good shot can pick a man off from half a mile away — providing his Darra-made ammunition is correctly charged.

There are also copies of Sten guns for \$150, pineapple grenades for \$20, and a few contemporary Darra automatic rifles, modeled on the German G3, which cost about \$400 and are therefore not very popular. For secret agents there are ballpoint pens which, in about the time it takes to load a musket, can be adapted to fire a .22 bullet.

But Darra's most ambitious project was the world's first bolt-action anti-aircraft gun, basically and outside rifle firing a heavy 20mm round mounted on a bi-pod with a seat for theunner.

It had a winding mechanism to raise or lower the barrel, whose out-cover was built of pieces that fitted together telescopically, so that it looked like the part-time product of some crazed plumber. It was painted bright green, and written on its 10-shot magazine was, "As mad (sic) in USA".

It was a weapon that could have wrought havoc among, say, the balloon traffic of the Franco-Prussian war, put pitted against a Soviet MiG-24 helicopter gunship, or even a Sopwith Camel, makes about as much sense as a crossbow.

The sight of this Heath Robinson device would be laughable if the intent were not so tragically serious. For its existence is a measure of the determination of a poor people to continue, in their muddled way, a "holy war" against the world's most powerful army.

Afghan guerrilla leaders living in Peshawar insist that, so far, the only encouragement they have received from the West is their warm wishes. They are particularly mystified by a recent announcement by the U.S. State Department that the CIA has given military assistance to guerrilla groups. "We are surprised by this statement," said Pir

Sayed Ahmad Gailani, an hereditary Muslim saint who heads the National Islamic Front for Afghanistan. "What was their objective in making it? When you give arms to people, you don't usually announce what you're doing."

Gailani — an urbane, moderate man who prefers well-cut leather jackets and cavalry twill to traditional dress — is not alone in thinking that the State Department's real target might have more to do with the forthcoming U.S. elections than events in Central Asia.

His chief rival is engineer (Afghans have a German regard for professional titles) Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, a stern-looking man with a spade-like beard and a lambswool hat, who has taken his Hezb-i-Islami party out of the newly formed Islamic Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan because he would not tolerate smaller parties having an equal say.

Hekmatyar, a fundamentalist who admires the Iranian way of doing things, expressed equal bewilderment about the State Department's announcement. He said he found American claims about assistance "confusing."

There is not much love lost between the Hekmatyar and Gailani factions, both loud in their accusations that the other does more talking than fighting. The American announcement has made for even more divisiveness. The main guerrilla

groups in Peshawar are now looking at each other accusingly and saying: "We haven't received it American assistance, so who has?"

The main reason the Arabs have been slow providing material assistance, apart from humanitarian aid such as medical supplies, is the Afghans' failure to unite. Hezb-i-Islami's withdrawal from the alliance has dashed hopes for common front on the battle field.

So in Darra the gunshop proprietors continue demonstrate their wares for their Afghan customers with frequent shots in the air while small boys wade in the mud for spent cartridges. Behind the squatting men and child laborers forge barrels brick furnaces, carve stocks, and prime cartridges by tapping detonators gently home with hammers.

In the villas they have rented around Peshawar the leaders of the resistance talk of a forthright Russian offensive that will make previous Soviet incursions into their mountains seem like a stroll.

They talk wryly of the necessity to hit Russian soldiers below the belt because they are now wearing body armor and admit that, although the historical precedents regarding invaders are encouraging neither Genghis Khan nor the British had helicopter gunships. — (OFNS)

## KENNEDY'S DEFEAT

Senator Edward Kennedy's shattering defeat in the Illinois primaries puts paid to his chances in the fight for the Democratic nomination in the coming presidential elections. The same could be said for the chances of both George Bush and John Anderson on the Republican side. Congressman Anderson's defeat was especially remarkable, since he already represents the state in Washington. The fight for the presidency will therefore be a straight struggle between the incumbent and Ronald Reagan.

The Illinois losers all made the usual noises, assuring their supporters that they will continue the fight. But their fate is sealed. Kennedy, who had rushed to New York even before the Illinois results were announced, is hoping to score a substantial enough victory in its primaries to make his candidacy still viable. But even such a victory would not save him. It would merely artificially prolong the life of a moribund campaign.

The demise of Kennedy's campaign ought to be a welcome development as far as the Arab world is concerned. The senator is one of Israel's most vociferous admirers; and he has been using President Carter's mishandling of the affair of American anti-Israeli vote in the Security Council to ensure the support of the powerful Zionist lobby. In this he has been successful, especially in New York where Jewish voters make up about a third of the total vote.

The alienation of the Jewish vote, although important in some states like New York, is by no means a decisive consideration. The incumbent can certainly win without it; and the signs are he will. Yet this ought not to be taken to mean that President Carter will take hostile stands on questions relating to Israel, just because the Jewish vote was against him. American politics is not that simple.

But it does mean that, were he to win, he will owe nothing to the Zionist lobby, and will have made no prior commitments to it in return for its vote. Furthermore, he will be serving his second presidential term, which means that he will be free from electoral pressures at its end.

By Robin Smyth

### MARSEILLES —

The Soviet Union's appetite for the West's military know-how has grown so demanding that KGB agents are taking badly calculated risks to get their hands on the information.

Within a few days Guenadi Travkov, the Russian deputy consul in Marseilles, and Oleg Suranov, director of Aeroflot in Madrid, have flown home abruptly after being caught red-handed in apparently unconnected swoops by French and Spanish anti-espionage police.

During his three years at the Marseilles consulate Travkov, 47, a cheerful companion and fluent French speaker, worked his way up close to military espionage targets in the area, including the first prototypes of Marcel Dassault's Mirage 2,000 fighter, which is being test-flown at Istres, near Marseilles, and the Etendard fighter-bomber on the aircraft carrier Clemenceau in Toulon harbor.

It seems that the DST, the French anti-espionage force, became aware of Travkov's efforts some time ago. Earlier last month DST detectives set a trap for him and he was caught in possession of photostats of Mirage 2,000 plans. Covered by diplomatic immunity, Travkov could not be arrested but was told to leave the country the next day.

An indignant statement from the Soviet consulate said Travkov had left of his own free will after completing his mission in France. But another statement from the same source protested that "the French police created conditions in which it was impossible for Travkov to work."

His departure has stirred up a political storm in

Marseilles, where a number of French citizens are being interrogated about their contacts with the Soviet official. Marseilles has for decades been a Socialist citadel with a strong Communist opposition. Relations between the two left-wing parties have deteriorated since the breakdown of the Union of the Left in the country as a whole.

Commenting on the Travkov incident at a meeting of the Marseilles Municipal Council, the Socialist mayor, Gaston Defferre, said: "I hope for the honor of Marseilles that none of our citizens is involved in this affair. I hope too that no Communist is implicated. It is highly disagreeable for the mayor of Marseilles and the municipal council to

have this kind of publicity foisted on our town."

Communist fury broke over Defferre in the local Communist press the next day. His reference to possible Communist connivance was termed "unpleasantly abrupt."

Defferre, apparently unaffiliated, answered that he had merely raised a question which was troubling many people who noticed that only the local Communist newspaper was not reporting the Travkov affair. "If the spy had been British, German or American, just imagine what the Communist press would be saying," declared Defferre.

Not all French Communists are happy about the pro-Soviet policy now being pursued by their

leader, Georges Marchais, which includes an ardent defense of the Russian intervention in Afghanistan.

If it is found that Travkov had local Communist allies in his KGB activities it will compound Communist Party's embarrassment. So bitter is Socialist-Communist quarrel in Marseilles that although some Socialists felt Defferre had spoken too soon, he was assured of support from the majority of his followers.

Socialists feel that the Communists have not turned their backs on Euro-Communism but determined to see that a Socialist-led Left does win power in next year's presidential elections. — (OFNS)

## Swedes ignore anti-spanking law

By Chris Morgenson

### STOCKHOLM —

Sweden's anti-spanking law is not working, according to a report published by Stockholm police.

In 1979, the year in which Sweden made it illegal for parents to smack their children, at least 70 per cent of all children between one and three were hit at some time by their parents and at least 58 per cent of children in the same age group were hit once a week or more.

The trouble with the anti-spanking law is that it is almost unenforceable. Bo Carlsson, the children's ombudsman (the only children's ombudsman in the world) explains: "It is important to emphasize that the law belongs to the family code and not the criminal code."

"If you or I hit our children we won't go to jail for it — unless we overstep the mark and come within the realm of child abuse, of course."

So what happens to a parent who hits his or her child? "No legal punishments can be used," Carlsson says. "But social measures can be taken. As hitting is forbidden the social authorities have to consider this fact and take precautions as necessary. The first step is some kind of therapy. The last step is to take the child away from the family."

This year a campaign has been launched by child welfare organizations to educate Swedish parents on how to avoid violence in bringing up their families.

Carlsson says: "Most people still think violence is the only way to deal with a child who has misbehaved, but in reality it solves nothing."

"Take the example of a small child taking a cigarette from a packet lying about at home. The parent slaps the child's hand. What does that teach the child? The child can't theorize. The only lesson he learns is that when his parents are around it hurts if he takes a cigarette; when they are not around it doesn't hurt."

Carlsson, the spokesman for 1.7 million Swedish children, is 34 with two children of his own. He very

much approves of the rash of child legislation Sweden. (A proposal now before parliament would give children the right to divorce their parents certain circumstances.)

Why does Sweden, with its high standard of living and welfare services, need such legislation?

"During the 1960s and the beginning of the 1970s many of us thought that if we could only raise our economic standards we would, as a side effect, solve our sociological and psychological problems. That was very wrong. Instead our reforms created new problems."

"The price of the new suburbs we created, with their high-rise apartment buildings, was a bad environment leading to isolation for both parents and children and long journeys to and from work for parents. We have separated 'living' and 'work' which means that children today live outside much of what is going on in society."

Another flaw in modern living is that parents spend less time with their children, says Carlsson. Instead they concentrate on earning money to buy them things.

"Generally I think matters are much better in Sweden than elsewhere. We are moving in the right direction, but I hope we will be able to get more done in the future." — (OFNS)

## saudi press review

Newspapers Sunday led with President Jimmy Carter's refusal to accept Jerusalem as the capital of Israel but preferring to keep it away from Arab sovereignty. *Al-Jazirah* reported in a lead story a secret accord between Western German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and President Carter to convene a new summit of the Camp David parties. *Al-Riyadh* led with a message from the Ruler of Kuwait to King Khaled dealing with bilateral relations, Arab and international issues of mutual interest. In a broad headline *Al-Medina* quoted its correspondent, who recently visited Berbera in northern Somalia, as saying there are no American bases there, and Somalia only provides marine facilities to the naval forces of several countries including the U.S., France and others.

The arrival of the Austrian Defense Minister in Riyadh Saturday formed a prominent front-page story in *Al-Jazirah*, which also highlighted a housing

project for Saudi doctors now under study by the Council of Ministers. *Al-Medina* gave front-page play to a royal order checking foreign women coming out in immodest dresses, in contrast with Islamic faith and the Kingdom's traditions.

In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* highlighted a statement by Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad

any national reconciliation in the country. They also covered the Austrian Defense Minister's visit and further dealt with the issue of Jerusalem in the light of the latest American thinking. Dwelling on the national reconciliation in Lebanon and also the Lebanese-Palestinian accord, *Al-Riyadh* said that, in the light of this accord, the only card in the hands of Israel is to create terror and to continue to show intransigence in the face of international peace efforts. Israel, it said, challenged the peace initiatives of the world community and at the same time flouted the human rights to suit its own purpose.

*Al-Riyadh* referred to America's "submissive" attitude on Israeli barbaric assaults on South Lebanon, and said Israel found itself free to use the American administration at its own will and benefited from the internal difficulties from which the U.S. has been suffering this year. Under the circumstances, the paper called

upon the Arabs to make an effective move to confront the situation while the United Nations is meeting to discuss the Palestine issue.

*Okaz* said that Arabs must be wary of any attempt to float the issue of Jerusalem, as it would be quite in contrast with the Arab and Muslim aspirations for this holy city. The paper said that even the U.N. resolutions have emphasized the need for Israel's withdrawal from Jerusalem, and added that Jerusalem's history was strongly linked with Arab sovereignty.

*Al-Medina* devoted its editorial to suggesting further measures against the Egyptian regime owing to its persistent implementation of a separate peace treaty with Israel. It said that the resolutions of the Baghdad and Tunis summits and many other meetings of Arab and Muslim officials have shown their positive results, since they isolated

the Egyptian regime but at the same time vouchsafed the interests of the Egyptian people. The European move to play a new role in the Middle East issue is the outcome of its conviction that the Egyptian president has failed to justify the efficacy of his steps before the world public opinion.

Dealing with the Austrian Defense Minister's current visit to the Kingdom, *Al-Jazirah* said it was another forward toward consolidating Saudi-Austrian relations in different fields. The paper welcomed the visit and hoped the Austrian minister's talks with Saudi officials would give a new spur to bilateral cooperation and mutual understanding. The paper added that the visit was all the more important as Austria has recently taken a big step on the road to "human, moral and legal justice" through Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's frank recognition of the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine.

## N- attack 'would kill 185 million'

By Ian Mather

### LONDON —

Around 88 per cent of the population of the United States, or nearly 185 million people, would be killed outright by a full-scale Soviet first-strike at the American homeland.

This is just one of a number of horrifying scenarios set out in dry scientific detail in an American report, "The Effects of Nuclear War," compiled by the U.S. Office of Technology for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report examines the effects of a range of nuclear attacks, including the ultimate horror of an all-out strike by all but 10 to 15 per cent of the Soviet Union's 22,000 warheads, aimed at U.S. military sites and industrial and population centers.

Similar U.S. attacks on the Soviet Union would produce a lower number of fatalities — between 40 and 50 per cent of the population if there had been no warning and evacuation; between 22 and 26 per cent if the Kremlin had had time to order evacuation. These lower figures are explained partly by the

more scattered nature of the population of the Soviet Union, and partly by the higher yield of Russian warheads.

The document concludes that even a small or limited nuclear attack would do "enormous" damage. An attack on U.S. oil refineries by 10 Soviet missiles could produce as many as 20 million deaths.

Post-blast damage could be equally catastrophic. Millions injured in the blast would eventually die from lack of medical attention. Millions might starve or freeze.

Cancer and genetic defects would affect many millions over the 40 years following the attack. "What is clear is that from the day the survivors emerged from their fall-out shelters a kind of race for survival would begin," says the report.

One side of this race would be the restoration of production of food, energy, clothing and the means to repair damaged machines. The other side would be the consumption of food and goods, which might be at a rate which would destroy all means of economic recovery. — (OFNS)

مكتبة الأخبار





**By Raana Siddiqi**



The money raised at the bazaar and other functions organised by the Khairiyah is first used to run the Jamiyah but is also to help pay for a new building. "We hope to move into our new premises by the end of the year," said Mrs. Parsi. The new building is to spread over an area of 50 by 40 thousand square meters and is behind the Television tower. It is estimated to cost SR14 million, eighty per cent of which is expected to be paid by the government. The government also gives an annual grant to the Society. According to Mrs. Parsi, "We have raised a good amount of money ourselves to meet out various projects. However the Ministry of Social Welfare takes care of 30 per cent of our



is their way of helping the nation. In Mrs. Farsi's words, "It is our duty. We are doing our best and we are always glad to see so many other nationalities joining hands for the common cause of making life a little easier for the less fortunate people."

**By Paul E. Hornak**

### Bulgarian coming home to Sofia.

The maid was fortunate, actually. She could go on confronting foreigners under legitimate pretexts. Others could not. "We tried to give our Bulgarian friends a bottle of cologne," the Turk told me. "They said, 'No, the party may find out.' They said they might get in trouble just visiting with us." The party is strong. Across the city, its leaders are hung with paste. Pictures of stones. They are in the

The agents cursorily rifled my passport and those of the Syrians in the facing seat: they examined hers in detail, asking sharply for supporting documents. She complied. She had visited in Istanbul three months, was a

"Drawing closer, I saw a dumpy fellow in the first mudlike stages of sedimentation laboriously scooping ice cream. A Turk on the train told me: "They are not happy. I have been to Yugoslavia. There, with the soft communism, it is dirty but the people smile. In Bulgaria it is very clean, but it is the hard, cold communism."

museum too, all of them. After a while I got tired of looking at their faces. Across the street the bookstores were open. In one of the shops, on a pedestal surrounded by red and black covers depicting victorious soldiers and rebellious field hands, I found the English titles: Steinback's "Grapes of Wrath" and story collections of F. Scott Fitzgerald and D.H. Lawrence, our emissaries to the geological formations of Eastern Europe. I did not want to read them.

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## 'Take it or leave it'

## Kuwait restricts oil sales

KUWAIT, March 23 (AP) — Kuwait has confronted its contract customers with a "take-it-or-leave-it" set of conditions for crude oil sales, and some oil companies were yielding to this, a leading newspaper reported Sunday.

"Kuwait will not negotiate its new (oil sales) conditions, and these who do not like it may go and buy elsewhere," the newspaper *Al-Qabas* quoted Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah as saying in an interview.

These conditions, the paper said, include Kuwait's "unbridled freedom" to change prices and quantities of crude oil sold to its customers, in line with market conditions and developments.

Contract durations are to be shortened from five to 2½ years, and the grace period for payment reduced from 90 days to 30, the paper quoted Sheikh Ali as insisting.

No oil company shall be allowed to "resell" any quantities of crude oil bought from Kuwait, and "Kuwait's oil will have to go only to the countries designated in the contracts," the Sheikh told *Al-Qabas*.

Customers will have to abide by the "boycott rules" and refrain from reshipping Kuwait's oil to Israel, Rhodesia and South Africa, he said.

In addition, companies buying Kuwait's oil will have to process unspecified quantities in Kuwait, which will continue to expand its refining capacity to nearly 800,000 barrels a day, or 50 per cent of its current production rate, by 1984, Sheikh Ali said.

Kuwait's daily production of crude oil runs at an average of 1.8 million barrels, which is to be cut back to 1.5 million barrels by April 1, industry sources said.

The new conditions will inevitably eliminate small customers and reduce the quantities available to the majors by at least 300,000 barrels a day, these sources said.

Despite obvious grumblings, the paper said, some unnamed international oil companies already have signed new contracts under the new conditions.

"Many other companies will sign soon," Sheikh Ali told the paper.

*Al-Qabas* said that British Petroleum, Gulf Oil of America and British-Dutch Shell were among the companies slated to accept the new conditions and sign contracts in the near future.

"These (companies) have no alternative," Sheikh Ali told *Al-Qabas*. "The (oil) ministry can only lay down unalterable conditions for buyers to accept."

Kuwait has since 1972 pursued a policy of frugality in oil production, with a view to averting an early depletion of its oil wells.

Parliament at the time recommended a sharp cutback in the daily average output — from 2.2 million barrels to two million.

The daily average steadily has been reduced since then, until it settled at 1.8 million barrels last year.

According to Sheikh Ali, the average is to go down further as of April 1 — to 1.5 million barrels a day.

The Kuwaitis have been worried about the slow pace of economic and industrial development, hinting that oil in the ground is far better and safer than money in the bank.

An oil official explained that money gained as a result of oil sales tends to be eroded by inflation and suffer from possible devaluations and money market fluctuations, while oil prices keep going up on account of shortages and other market conditions.

Meanwhile, Kuwait made two medium term loans totaling \$7 million Kuwaiti dinars (about \$25.2 million) to Algeria and Morocco, an official statement said.

Algeria received a 12-year two million dinar (\$7.2 million) credit at six per cent interest to finance a meteorological project, and Morocco obtained a 10-year five million dinar (\$18 million) loan, also at six per cent annual interest, for an agricultural scheme.

This raised the total amount of Kuwait's loans to Algeria to 25.3 million dinars (\$92 million) and to Morocco to 33 million dinars (about \$120 million).

The Kuwait government Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development issued the loans.



CHARCOAL CLOTH: A new cloth woven from fibers of activated charcoal that absorbs noxious gases is seen here leaving the furnace during manufacture in southern England. It could be used as bandages for certain wounds that produce bad smells.

## Companies seek drilling leases for giant Prudhoe Bay reserve

TULSA, Oklahoma, March 23 (AP) — Odds are good that oil companies will one day get an opportunity to drill in the 23.7 million-acre national petroleum reserve west of giant Prudhoe Bay field in Alaska, an oil industry publication reports.

"Considering the slow pace of government action, it could be quite a while before a leasing program takes final shape," the *Oil and Gas Journal* reports in its March 24 issue.

The U.S. Congress must act before the reserve can be opened to private industry for exploration and development, the weekly business magazine said.

The journal said Congress could accept a proposal by the administration of U.S. President Jimmy Carter to allow leasing by oil companies within the next 20 months. It could vote to continue government exploration, develop a combination program or halt exploration.

"But odds are good that explorationists will one day get a crack at the largest single

spread of onshore federal acreage ever opened to private industry," the journal said.

The U.S. Interior Department through its contractor, Husky Oil operations, is drilling its last four wells under the current budget the journal said.

The U.S. Geological Survey and Husky must know by early summer if they are to shut down or resume work, the journal said.

Exploration in the area, dating back to World War II searches by the U.S. Navy, has failed to find important petroleum deposits.

"No one today expects to find another Prudhoe Bay field within the reserve or the 10 billion to 30 billion barrels of oil that optimists anticipated a few years back," the journal said.

But the journal said only one well has been drilled for every million acres in the reserve.

"That's hardly an adequate test for an area which has a 9.6-billion barrel field just 40 miles to the east," the journal said.

## Offshore technology advance allows tapping deeper wells

LONDON, March 23 (AP) — The Continental Oil Co. is developing a giant production platform for the turbulent North Sea that oilmen say will revolutionize offshore technology and pave the way to tapping oil from previously unreachable deep-sea fields.

Unlike conventional production platforms which stand on concrete and steel legs on the seabed, the U.S. firm's 51,700-ton tension leg platform (TLP) floats and is anchored to the seabed by 23 centimeter thick steel cables.

That means it can suck a field dry then move to another, making the stationary and expensive fixed-leg platforms obsolete and saving oil companies billions of dollars.

The most important factor is that it will be able to operate in depths up to 600 meters, or 425 meters deeper than conventional platforms.

TLP, experts say, opens up vast new areas of the North Sea around the Shetlands and west of the Hebrides in the Atlantic Ocean where oilmen believe several hundred million tons of oil are located.

Discovered North Sea fields contain an estimated 1.5 to 2.6 billion tons, but another 1.8 billion tons may be recoverable with the new sub-sea technology, industry experts say.

Potentially, the increased production could make Britain self-sufficient in oil until the end of the century. At present, North Sea output is expected to start declining around 1990.

## British budget eats into oil profits

LONDON, March 23 (R) — Oil companies believe Wednesday's British budget will result in more of their profits from higher North Sea oil prices being taken in taxes.

Industry sources said this weekend that companies operating in the North Sea believed the government would announce on Wednesday that it wanted talks on higher tax levels.

"They said it was thought possible, but less likely, that the Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Geoffrey Howe, would actually announce a rise in petroleum revenue tax."

If so, the industry is betting that he would levy it at 70 per cent of the value of oil and gas produced, against 60 per cent now. Some deductions are made before it is charged.

"We wouldn't like an increase and we should probably say so," one oil company executive said.

Norway on Friday published a government white paper outlining plans to tighten taxation on firms operating in its sector of the North Sea.

"Oil from Britain's sector is expected to flow at the rate of nearly two million barrels daily by the end of 1980, making the country self-sufficient. The oil is now priced at about \$33 a barrel, the level of some OPEC North African crudes of similar quality."

Conoco plans to test the TLP in its Hutton field 145 kilometers northeast of Scotland's Shetland Islands in 150 meters of water.

Philip Algar of Conoco said deep-sea technology could within five years be pumping oil from the Porcupine Basin off Ireland, in depths of 335 meters, and the Baltimore Canyon off the U.S. east coast, where oilmen have drilled in 450 meters of water.

Exxon, Shell and Mobil all also plan new recovery systems expected to start operating in the next few years in the North Sea.

British Petroleum is working on two new systems — one similar to Conoco's called the tethered buoyant platform, and the single well offshore production system, or SWOP, which experts say is even more flexible, doing away with platforms altogether.

## West causes inflation

KUWAIT, March 23 (R) — A leading spokesman for the Arab oil producers, Dr. Ali Attia, said in a newspaper interview the Arabs had nothing to do with world-wide inflation.

Western charges that oil producing countries caused inflation through oil price rises must be rejected, Attia, secretary-general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), said.

"The current wave of inflation started before the correction of oil prices, when costs of Western manufactured goods began to rise," he told the Kuwaiti newspaper *As-Siyassa*.

Financial analysts have been canvassing the idea that the government could look to raising around 200 million sterling (\$ 440 million) from higher North Sea taxes, in its effort to reduce borrowing.

They said an increase in petroleum revenue tax would also satisfy political demands for a basic "windfall profits tax" on oil companies seen as having made record gains from higher crude prices.

## Oil consumption hit

BEIRUT, March 23 (R) — Iraqi oil minister Tarek Abdul Karim was quoted as saying his country was not happy about current production and consumption levels in petroleum exporting (OPEC) countries.

"OPEC members and other states produce more (oil) than they need," he told the weekly Lebanese magazine *Al-Ushu Al-Arabi*.

"This is a major sacrifice, not to say a waste. We are not at ease over consumption either, for there is an evident waste of this finite resource," he said in an interview.

Abdul Karim was quoted as saying his country was encouraging the search for any currency that would be firmer than the dollar for oil pricing.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5.00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.30	7.45	7.35
Deutsche Mark (100)	178.00	179.00	178.50
Swiss F (100)	188.00	193.00	188.25
French F (100)	77.00	79.00	77.25
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	38.90
Lebanese Lira (100)		98.25	97.80
Syrian Lira (100)		79.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound		4.50	4.46
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.18	12.13
Jordanian Dinar		11.20	11.04
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.50	89.50
Qatari Riyal (100)		91.50	91.50
Bahraini Dinar		8.90	8.90
Iranian Rial (100)		—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)		74.00	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)		84.50	88.50
Indian Rupee (100)		—	41.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	34.00
Gold kg.		61,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar		7,150.00	—
Silver kg.		—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.55
Canadian Dollar	2.83	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	110.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	162.00	—	164.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	50.50	50.00
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	80.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	1.55

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SHIPS MOVEMENTS UP TO 0700 HOURS ON THE  
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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3	TSU	Barber	Contra/Pipes/Gen/Trucks	22-3-80
4	Sultan	AbUshah	Loading	22-3-80
5	Golden Arabia	Ethawi	Steel-Ply/General	20-3-80
6	Charlo	Abdullah	Steel/General	20-3-80
8	Maradiz	O.C.E.	Reefer	20-3-80
8	Kriepand	O.C.E.	Reefer	20-3-80
9	Minden	O.C.E.	Reefer	8-3-80
10	Eva Vesta	Red Sea	General	21-3-80
11	Jupiter Diamond	Allreza	Vehicles	22-3-80
12	Ocean Harmonia	A.E.T.	Contra/General/Steel	21-3-80
15	Blue Maru	Baboud	Oil Cakes	18-3-80
18	Pytheus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	13-3-80
19	Toko Arrow	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	19-3-80
20	Lok Vihar	Baroom	Bagged Cement	15-3-80
21	Agelos Prostatie	A.A.	Bagged Cement	8-3-80
22	Krishnaraja	Gulf	Bagged cement	16-3-80
23	Albyon	Barnoudah	Bagged Cement	9-3-80
25	Beru	Star	Cement/General	21-3-80
26	Saudi Crown	Cement/General	22-3-80	28
26	Everett	O.C.E.	Reefer	21-3-80
30	Imperia	Star	Reefer	22-3-80
38	Leblon	Red Sea	General/Mesh	22-3-80
41	Condor	Star Nav	Timber/General/Cables	20-3-80
42	Treasure	Barber	Steel/General/Timber	21-3-80
42	Sahjah	H.S.S.C.	Containers	23-3-80

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6.5.1400/23.3.1980—CHANGES PAST 24 HOURS

Berth	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
2	Hoegh Cairn	Kanoo	Gen/Contra.	21-3-80
5	Nedlloyd Baltimore	Kanoo	General	22-3-80
10	Ping Chau	UEP	General	20-3-80
18	Maharashmi	SEA	General	20-3-80
21	Pacific Importer (D.B.)	AET	Bulk Cement	18-3-80
26	Maria	Gossabi	Barley in Bags	14-3-80
27	Eastern Maid	UEP	Gen/Mobile Houses	20-3-80
36	Psara Flag	SMC	Cement silo vessel	14-78
38	Sea Trade	SMC	Cement in Bags	16-3-80

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Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province	Fencing of department's plots in Rahima town Repairs to graveyard fencings in Unloj	19-99/1400 13	200 100	April 8 April 19
	Temporary asphaltting of roads in Biljirshi	14	200	April 20
	Asphaltting, paving and lighting of roads in Yanbu	15	200	April 21
	Construction of lavatories in Al-Ola	16	400	April 22
	Fencing of graveyards in Al-Ola	17	200	April 23

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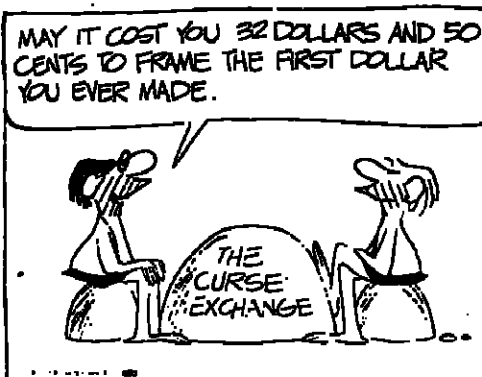
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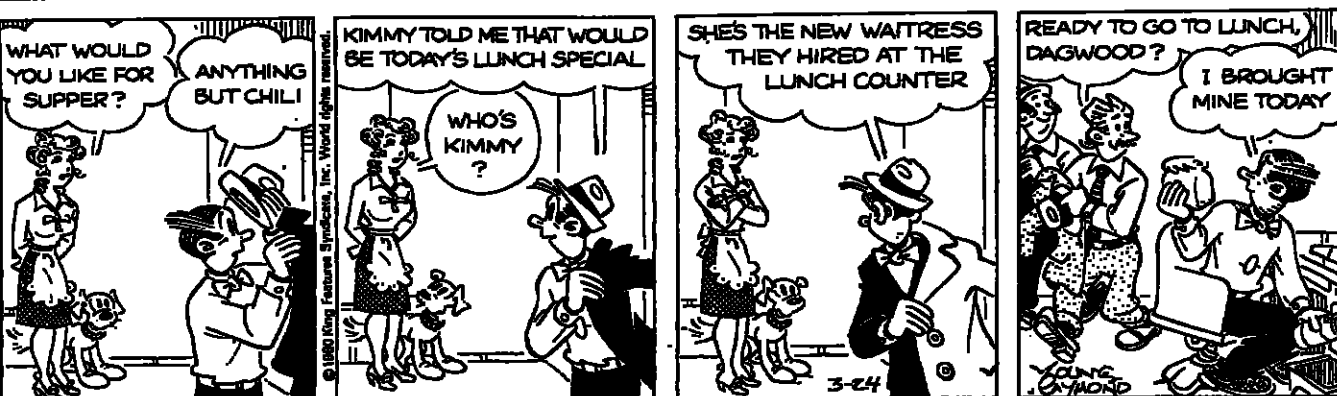
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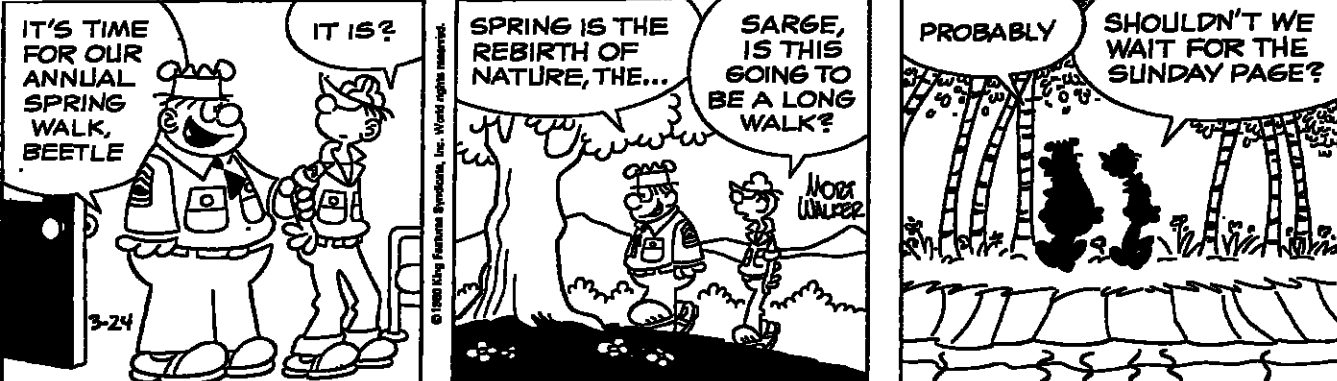
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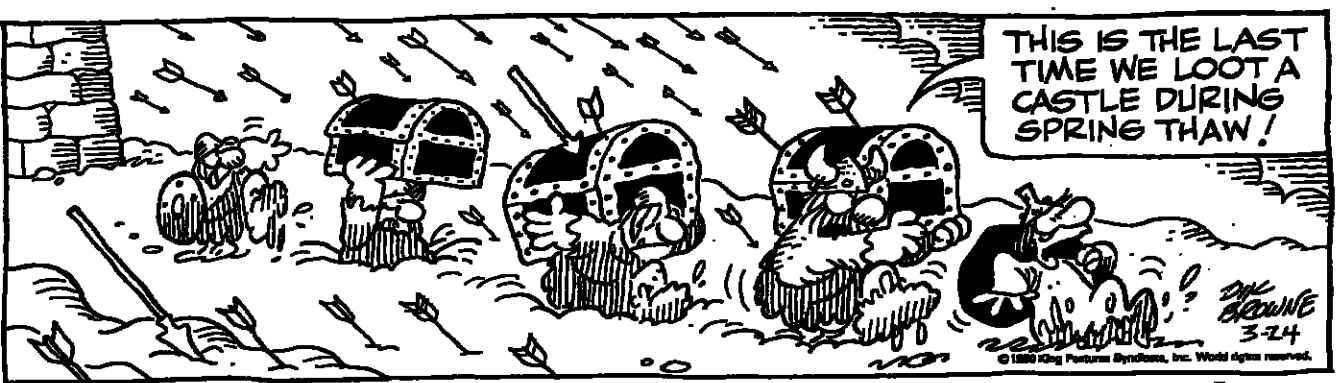
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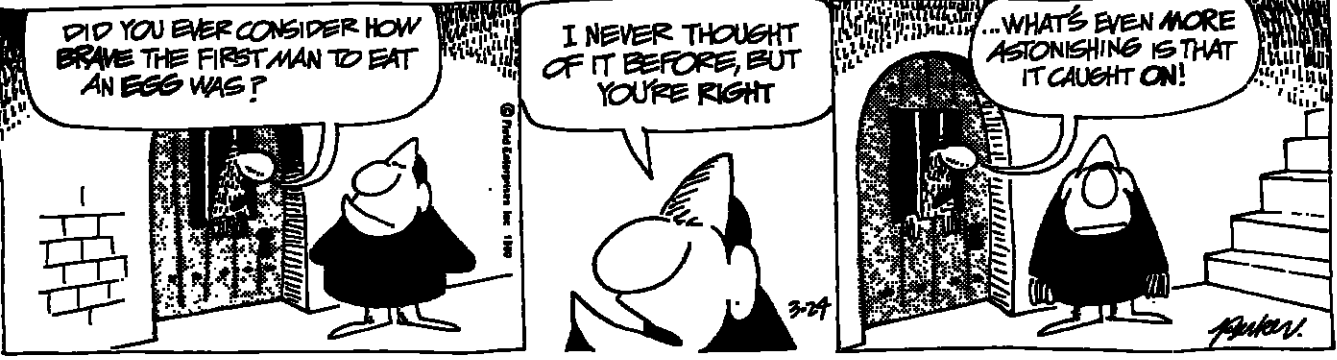
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## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword  
by THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS  
1 Vagrant  
5 Word in many titles  
8 Age after Bronze  
9 Dietrich's "Notorious"  
13 Florida county  
14 Stamen part  
15 TV Tarzan  
16 Sheep affliction  
17 Coach  
18 A Carver  
20 After Tommy  
21 Provo-cations  
22 Ek - (and others)  
24 Concerning birds  
25 One kind of pool  
26 Depend (on)  
27 Wolf  
28 Fiction  
29 Suffix for drunk  
30 Cruise  
31 Librarian  
32 Speaker  
33 O'Neill's nickname  
35 Related paternally  
37 Blackborn  
38 Dey
- DOWN  
2 Ditty  
3 Eminent  
4 Eminent  
6 Age after Bronze  
7 Dietrich's "Notorious"  
10 Unwritten  
11 Course for Mr. America  
12 Daniel Webster  
14 Valley  
16 Britisher's conversational comment  
18 Adjective for Andy  
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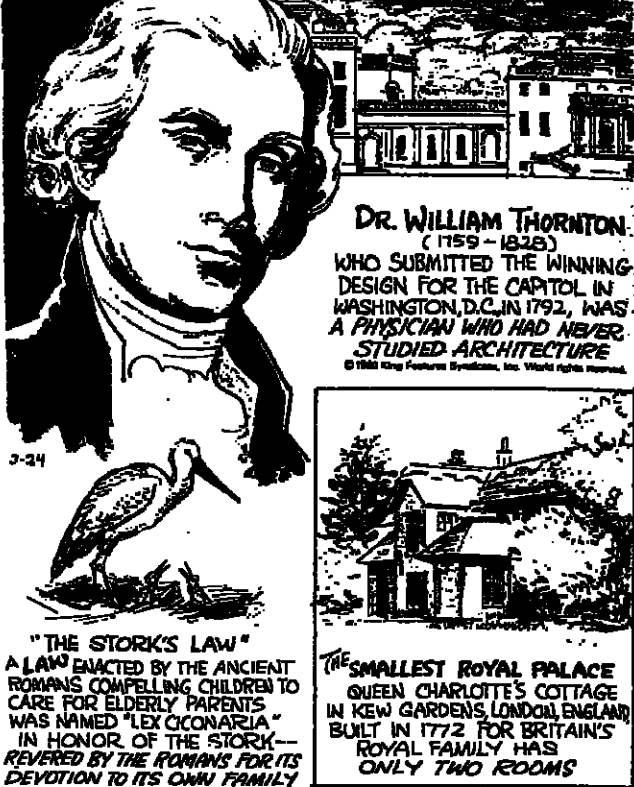
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXE  
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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## Famous Hand

West dealer. North-South vulnerable.

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♠ 7 2  
♥ K Q 2  
♦ 10 9 7 6 5  
♣ 8 6

WEST EAST  
♠ 8 3  
♥ 7 10 9 8 3  
♦ A K Q 4  
♣ J 10 8 5 4

SOUTH  
♠ A K Q 10 6 5 4  
♥ A  
♦ A K Q 7 2  
♣

The bidding:

West North East South  
Pass Pass 1♥ 2♥  
4♥ Pass Pass 6♥

Opening lead - two of diamonds.

Here is an extraordinary hand played many years ago by Lee Hazen, New York expert and counsel for the American Contract Bridge League. He was East, and South got to six spades on the bidding shown. West led a diamond and here is Hazen's account of what happened after that, as related by him in the Bridge World magazine.

"I was of course disappointed when declarer ruffed

the opening lead. South then went into a long trance and finally emerged from it by cashing the ace of hearts and leading the ten of spades next.

"My partner discarded a heart and I reacted like the typical young lawyer I was. The first thing you learn in law school is to be suspicious. You spend several hours a day being suspicious of people, of things and of ideas. If you're really good at it, you eventually develop the ability to be just abstractly suspicious.

"I found it easy to be suspicious at this particular moment. What was declarer trying to do to me? I didn't bother to work it out. I just knew that if declarer wanted me to take the ten of spades I couldn't be good for me to oblige him. So I played the three and started at declarer with a cold legal eye.

"South went into a new trance and then led the A-K of clubs. By now I was carried away by the spirit of the thing. I had refused one trump trick, and nobody was going to bully me into taking another.

"So I discarded a heart instead of ruffing. South struggled quietly for a while but eventually went down one.

Hazen had of course found the only defense to beat six.

## ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

## PRAYER TIMES

Monday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	5:09	6:26	12:34	3:59	6:36	8:06
Medina	5:08	6:21	12:35	4:02	6:37	8:07
Nejd	4:38	5:56	12:04	3:30	6:07	7:37

## DHAHRAN TV

4:30	Children's Show	Sesame Street 1228
5:34	Grizzly Adams	The Sky Rider
6:22	Big John, Little John	Principal who came to dinner
6:45	Housecall	Respiratory problems
7:11	The incredible hulk	Solitary place
7:58	Mind your language	No. 7
8:23	Charlie's angels	Circus of terror
9:11	The professionals	where the jungle ends

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## MONDAY

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Gems of Guidance	9:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Champions of Solidarity	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 A Chat and A Song
2:30 Meelody Time	9:45 Pioneers of Knowledge
3:00 NEWS	10:00 A Viewpoint
3:10 Press Review	10:00 Music
3:15 Music	10:15 NEWS
3:20 Arabic Song	10:25 S.A.
3:30 A Selection of Music	10:30 A Daily Chronicle
3:40	10:30 Dreamland
	11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
3:50 Closedown	11:10 Music
	11:15 In Concert
	11:45 On Islam
	12:00 Concert Choice
	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
	01:00 Closedown

## VOA

P.M.	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup	10:30 VOC Magazine
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
9:00 Special English: News, Feature, The Making of a Nation	11:30 Music U.S. (Jazz)
9:30 Music USA: (Standards)	12:00 News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.
10:00 News Roundup	
10:05 Opening: Analyses	

## BBC

Morning Transmission	4.00 World News
8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	4.30 The Pleasure's Yours
8.30 Sarah Ward	5.15 Report on Religion
8.45 World Today	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	7.00 World News
10.00 World News	7.09 Commentary
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	8.00 World News
11.00 World News	8.09 Books and Writers
11.09 Reflections	8.30 Take One
11.15 Piano Style	8.45 Sports Round-up
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	9.00 World News
12.00 World News	9.09 News about Britain
12.09 British Press Review	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.15 World Today	9.30 Farming World
12.30 Financial News	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.40 Look Ahead	10.39 Stock Market Report
12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus
	11.00 World News
	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
	12.15 Talkabout
	12.45 Nature Notebook
	1.00 World News
	1.09 World Today
	1.25 Financial News
	1.35 Book Choice
	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

## Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake  
FOR MONDAY, MARCH 24, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈  
Domestic concerns require a sense of responsibility coupled with kindness towards loved ones. Be willing to make purchases for the home.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉  
A busy round of phone calls, meetings and letters. Keeps you on the go. Make sure you keep in touch with those for whom you care.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) ♊  
Once you get started there's no stopping you're spending. Make sure that purchases will stand the test of time. Be discriminating.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) ♋  
A time when you may feel that only loved ones appreciate the real you. Otherwise, you seem uncertain about which image to project.

**LEO** (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌  
You'll accomplish more than you think. However, don't feel the parade is passing you by. Enjoy your vantage point.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍  
Try to cut down on appointments. Too much socializing scatters your forces. Still old friends and loved ones are supportive.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎  
You may feel stubborn when opposed. Downplay ego, esp when dealing with higher-ups. Besides, staying in the background lends perspective.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏  
Others are beginning with ideas. Listen instead of getting drawn into controversy. Learn what others hold for convictions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐  
Sociability aids you on the job. A conservative approach is best in business. Don't let red herrings cloud the real issues.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑  
Some partnership difficulties can be sidestepped if you save time for just the two of you. Be a good listener. Don't nitpick.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒  
Problems may arise. Maintain a cheerful attitude, and do a good day's work for success. Don't let a small bill annoy you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓  
Show others that you're loyal as well as affectionate. Things may not go quite as planned, but be a good sport. Keep smiling.

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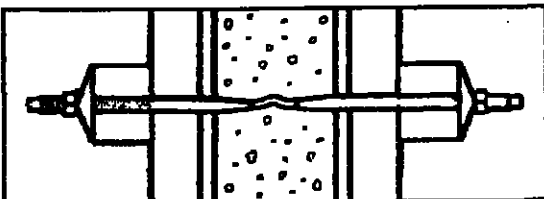
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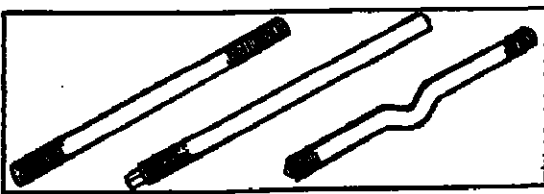
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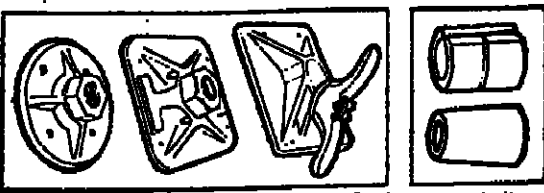
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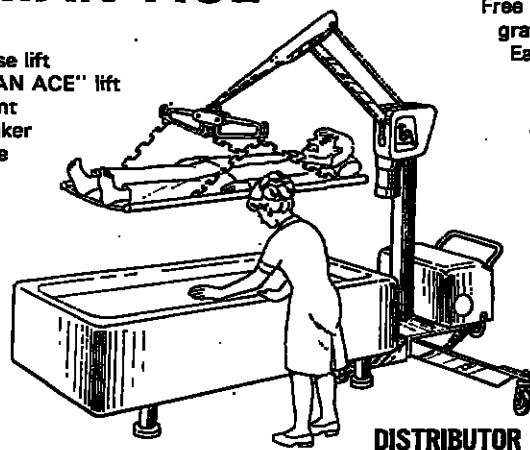
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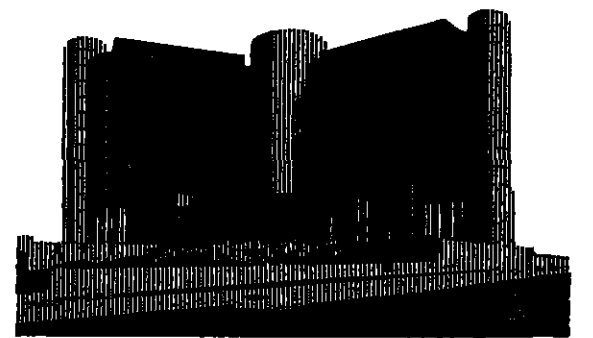


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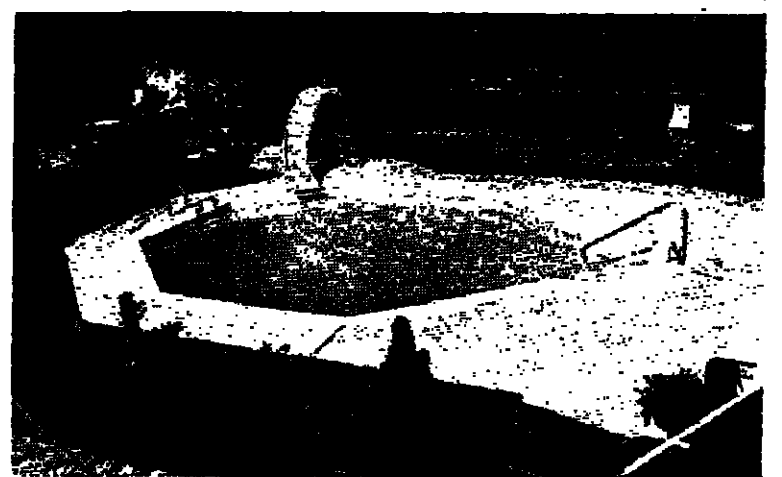
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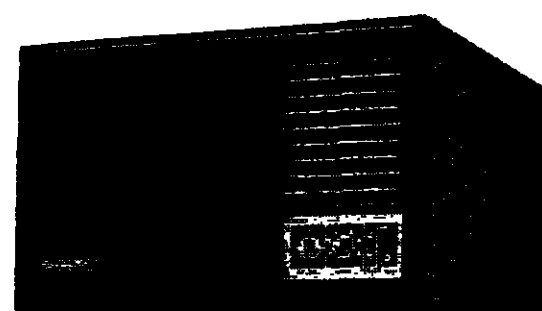
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## Jordan, Torrijos confer with Shah

CONTADORA ISLAND, Panama, March 23 (R) — A senior White House aide and a former Panamanian head of state flew to this resort island to ask the former Shah of Iran about his travel plans amid speculation that he might leave Panama soon.

In the United States, President Jimmy Carter summoned a conference of his top advisers. Administration officials, anxious to avoid exacerbating the American hostage crisis in Tehran, said there were no plans for the former monarch to return to the U.S. for medical treatment.

Carter sent his White House chief of staff, Hamilton Jordan, to Panama where the former Iranian monarch has been living since December when he left a New York hospital after treatment for cancer.

Informed sources said Jordan, former Panamanian chief of state Omar Torrijos and U.S. newspaper owner Randolph Hearst had a meeting with the ex-Shah on this Pacific island after a member of the Shah's staff said he could not confirm or deny reports of a possible move to another country.

Iran has said it will present a formal extradition request to Panama Monday, the last day of a 60-day period set by Panama for such an application to be made.

The 60-year-old former Shah's reported desire to undergo surgery outside Panama prompted Carter to call his senior national

security advisers to the presidential mountain retreat at Camp David, Maryland.

NBC Television reported that the ex-Shah would leave Panama soon but his destination was not known. NBC said U.S. officials stressed that the ousted ruler would not return to the United States or enter a hospital in the U.S.-Panama Canal Zone.

In Washington Saturday night, it was understood that the White House was still hoping that he would undergo surgery in Panama's Patilla Hospital.

The ex-Shah entered Patilla Hospital for what was expected to be an operation to remove his spleen last weekend. But after two days he returned to his island retreat following a reported "who does what" row between U.S. surgeon Michael DeBaakey and Panamanian doctors.

U.S. administration officials fear that fresh tension will be added to the protracted Tehran hostage crisis if the Shah leaves his Central American haven.

Iranian student militants who seized the U.S. embassy and American hostages in Tehran on Nov. 4 are still insisting on the return of the Shah to face trial for alleged crimes committed during his years of rule. The U.S. embassy was seized after the ex-Shah arrived in New York from Mexico for medical treatment.

## Iran captors said dispirited

TEHRAN, March 23 (LAT) — With their occupation of the U.S. embassy now in its 20th week, the militant student captors are being portrayed by high Iranian officials as a divided, dispirited lot down to a lonely nucleus of 50.

Coming a week after the militants humiliated the government of President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr by blocking a visit to the embassy by a United Nations Commission, that portrayal may be a self-serving attempt to discredit the captors.

Regardless of their current numbers of internal divisions, the students generally have developed their political acumen over the months. They may not have learned much in the classroom, but their occupation of the embassy has provided an important lesson in domestic political science: how to hang onto power.

One remarkable fact about the occupation is that little is known after 4½ months about the identity of the close-lipped captors, who once numbered about 400 and worked round-the-clock in three shifts.

As a measure of the lack of knowledge surrounding the embassy takeover, Bani-

Sadr himself admitted in a recent interview, "We do not yet, have, unfortunately, a strong enough intelligence service" to know what is really going on there.

The little the students have said basically substantiates their insistence that they are hard-line radical Muslims rather than the Marxists that the U.S. and Iranian governments have accused them of being.

If the reports of successive purges at the embassy are correct, the students have been careful to weed out those who they feared would embarrass them and cause their downfall.

The first purge is said to have taken place within days of the Nov. 4 occupation when leftists surfaced in a bid for power and were forced out.

A second group was reportedly eliminated when they applauded Bani-Sadr during his November visit to the embassy in which he criticized the holding of diplomatic hostages.

Following Bani-Sadr's landslide presidential-election victory Jan. 25, his most outspoken enemies in the embassy were kicked out for wanting to denounce him as a compromiser willing to settle the crisis with the United States.



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## Birthday of dying leader

### Tito celebration underway

NOVI SAD, Yugoslavia, March 23 (AP) — With songs, doves and a golden baton, Yugoslav officials Sunday began celebrating a birthday President Josip Broz Tito was not expected to live to see.

"We must message you, Tito, that we know you will conquer the illness," Communist youth leader Vasil Tupurkovski told thousands gathered under grey skies in Novi Sad's city square.

Under an immense red and white portrait of Tito, business-suited metal worker Zoran Ostojic held aloft the gold-plated 1980 "stafeta" and carried it on its first leg of a two-month relay throughout Yugoslavia.

"Our desire that you get well is expressed on the lips and resounds in the hearts of all Yugoslavs," said a message inside the baton. The message normally would be presented to Tito at a "youth festival" in Belgrade on May 25 the Yugoslav president's official birthday.

But as this year's celebrations began, the 87-year-old Tito remained gravely ill in a Slovenian hospital where he has been since Jan. 12.

Shortly after the stafeta left the Novi Sad square, Tito's doctors said they were trying new medication against his pneumonia, but reported no changes in his kidney, heart or internal bleeding problems.

The annual stafeta ritual is officially described as a youth festival, but its central figure is always the elderly Tito.

"Comrade Tito, we swear to you not to swerve from your road," young people sang as Ostojic, 26, began his relay leg and doves were released beside Novi Sad's yellow brick cathedral.

Across the Danube River and only minutes from the square, the relay stopped briefly at a fortress where Tito had been briefly jailed in 1914.

Then a Croatian recruit in the Austro-Hungarian army, Tito was accused of opposing what became World War I. He was released, sent to the front and captured by Russian forces.

Novi Sad, capital of a province which uses five languages, was decked in Yugoslav and red party flags for the stafeta's sendoff.

School children chalked flowers, birds and Tito slogans on the sidewalks and wild flowers from the nearby Fruska Gora hills were strewn in Ostojic's path as he set out.

Silagy Laszlo, the 26-year-old sculptor who created this year's baton, said it was intended to resemble a bud and flower with an octagonal base, representing the country's six republics and two provinces.

The baton was to be carried through 220 communities in the province of the Vojvodina before being taken southeast into Serbia next Saturday.

The baton will be relayed on to Macedonia, Bosnia Hercegovina, Montenegro, Slovenia and Croatia before returning to Serbia and the federal capital of Belgrade.

On April 25, the baton is scheduled to reach the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana, where Tito has been hospitalized.

Tito was actually born on May 7, 1892, but his wartime Communist partisans began

celebrating his birthday on the 25th because of a wrong date on an old arrest warrant.

The youth relay was started in the Serbian city of Kragujevac in 1945.

In addition to the one carried around the country, youth groups and other organizations send still other decorative batons to Tito directly.

One museum contains the old batons and officials at a Tito museum in Belgrade say a retrospective display is being put together of some of the best.

The federal baton has usually been given to Tito at a Belgrade stadium in a spectacular show of dancing and gymnastics that is Yugoslavia's biggest annual official festivity. No details have been disclosed of this year's plans, although some officials have said the 1980 observance will have a "working nature."

Few expect Tito to live long enough to see his 88th birthday and fears for his health were reflected in the festivities sending off the 1980 stafeta.

Dusan Popovic, top state official in the Vojvodina, told the crowd that this year's celebration at the start "is today also filled with concern and anxiety about his grave illness."

## Doctors confirm Tito receiving experimental drug

BELGRADE, March 23 (AP) — Doctors for President Josip Broz Tito confirmed they were using new medication to fight his pneumonia but said his condition Sunday remained essentially unchanged.

"Pneumonia persists further," the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader's eight-doctor medical panel said in its brief daily advisory.

"Because of development of resistance to the causes of the pneumonia, new antibiotics are again being administered," they said.

The advisory came one day after the American pharmaceutical firm Eli Lilly and Co. said Yugoslav doctors had asked for a new experimental antibiotic to use on Tito.

The drug was described by Lilly as one which early tests indicated might be effective against pneumonia and other infections in patients whose bodies rejected other antibiotics.

Tito's doctors said his general health condition was "without significant change," wording which meant the Yugoslav leader remained in very grave condition during his 72nd straight day of hospitalization.

Tito is suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness, pneumonia and internal bleeding. His afflictions developed after the Jan. 20 amputation of his left leg, removed because of a circulation blockage.

The phrasing of Sunday's medical advisory indicated that Tito's doctors had tried other different antibiotics before turning to the American drug in an effort to combat the pneumonia they first disclosed Feb. 23.

## S. African army plotted intervention

JOHANNESBURG, March 23 (R) — A secret document published Sunday indicated that the South African military planned to intervene in the parliamentary system to support the government and thwart opposition attacks.

It set out plans to manipulate the news media, blunt opposition attacks in Parliament and mute criticism of the government, according to the Johannesburg *Sunday Times*, which printed extracts of the military paper.

Opposition members of Parliament were incensed. Harry Schwarz, chief opposition spokesman on defense, said that if the report was correct he would demand the resignation of those who had political responsibility.

A South African Defense Force (SADF) spokesman said Prime Minister Pieter Botha, who is also defense minister, had asked to be briefed on the document "about which he had no knowledge."

The *Sunday Times* said the document was headed "psychological Action Plan: Defense Budget Debate."

Maj. Gen. Phil Pretorius, director general of the armed forces civic action department, signed it on Feb. 12 on behalf of Gen. Magnus Malan, chief of the SADF, the paper said.

No details of the next defense budget have been made public but South Africa seems to feel increasingly isolated by an international arms boycott and the national party government may propose a big increase in military spending.

According to the *Sunday Times*, the document said that the budget debate on defense was expected to start in the middle of April.

"This leaves little time for creating the right climate and requires that certain steps be initiated immediately," the paper quoted the document as saying.

The secret order set out a long list of objectives, including steps to manipulate the news media and to "nullify the opposition's attack on the prime minister during the budget debate," the paper said.

The *Sunday Times* quoted the document as saying in part: "There are a number of contentious subjects which will probably arise during the defense debate. It is undesirable that they may be exploited by the opposition to the detriment of the government."

"As the opposition tactics develop in the ensuing weeks other likely vulnerabilities may be disclosed."

The document said these vulnerabilities should be brought to the attention of the proper military authorities.

## Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

Years back, just after the shattering defeat the Arabs suffered in June 1967, a few Arab playwrights in a major Arab capital collaborated on a topical play lampooning the rulers who have brought the nation to such dire straits, exposing their incompetence and corruption, their vicious police states, their easy acceptance of defeat.

One of the focal scenes in the play, I think it came the second act, depicted a popular cafe typical of Arab cities, with the citizenry lounging about, smoking hookas and exchanging gossip, all to the background of the blaring radio. The point of the scene is reached when four or five extras suddenly burst on the scene shouting, "Attention, attention, security!" whereupon everyone in the cafe decamps in total confusion, leaving the once lively scene desolate.

The rehearsals went well, that scene especially. Then came the crowded opening night — everyone had heard what a outspoken play this would be — and the curtain rose. The play went on with everyone in the audience applauding the sentiments expressed on the stage. It was great demonstration. Excitement was mounting.

Until there came the second act, and that scene in the cafe. As the pretend political policemen burst on the pretend cat they carried themselves with such conviction that the audience took this as a raid. The people thought that the government had got wind of what was being said and retribution was about to descend on actors and audience alike.

The confusion in the "cafe" on the stage as everyone rushed out of the policemen reach was but a pale reflection of the confusion in the stalls as people climbed over each other to reach the doors. The actors realizing the audience's mistake, start shouting to the people that it was all right that these were not really the dreaded "Security" but actors following the script. The "security" agents themselves joined in, entreating everyone to stay where they were.

But it was no good. You see, the people were too well house-trained by their government. Everyone fled.

Translated from Ashary Al Awad



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## 'Front line' to discuss Rhodesia

MAPUTO, March 23 (R) — Leaders of African "front-line states" bordering Rhodesia will meet in Lusaka on April 1 for talks on their economic future after Rhodesia becomes the independent, black-ruled state of Zimbabwe. Mozambique President Samora Machel said.

He told a news conference Saturday that Lesotho, Swaziland and Malawi had also been invited to the meeting in the Zambian capital.

Machel said Mozambique's own relations with Zimbabwe, due to become independent on April 18, would be established "in discus-

sion and consultation" between the two countries' governments.

The British governor in Rhodesia, Lord Soames, arrives in Mozambique on Monday for two days of talks with Machel. During the seven-year guerrilla war against Rhodesia's former white minority government, Mozambique was the base for troops loyal to Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's new prime minister.

At the press conference, Machel also condemned South Africa's apartheid policy, but added that the struggle for black liberation there had to be waged within the country, not from outside.

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